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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter group from a cleanout ball valve fitting on well CV-24121 in Grid 77.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

- The leak was discovered on September 21, 2026, at approximately 3:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter group leaked from a cleanout ball valve fitting on well CV-24121 in Grid 77. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- Angel Javalefa.

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

- The valve was tightened to stop the leak.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a loose cleanout ball valve fitting, likely caused by vibration or thermal cycling. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

- Chiquita estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- The liquid leaked onto the liner and the affected area was pressure washed. The resulting wash water was

vacuumed for proper cleanup and disposal. Cleanup commenced promptly and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- Chiquita will continue quality assurance and quality control checks of fittings on wells throughout the site.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of the leak.

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