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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
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Consistent with reports provided under 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 spill of approximately 10 ounces of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers L13-14 through L13-16, Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL00056-RW, from the exhaust valve on a third-party tanker-truck trailer at Tank Farm 13 adjacent to Grid 252.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the spill is estimated at less than 1 gallon. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given ongoing reporting requests from other regulators.

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

- The spill was discovered on September 21, 2026, at approximately 12:45 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers L13-14 through L13-16, Groups A, B, the North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL00056-RW spilled from the exhaust valve on third-party tanker-truck trailer at Tank Farm 13 adjacent to Grid 252. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.
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(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- Kevin Wilson.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the exhaust valve on the third-party tanker-truck trailer was closed.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the trailer's exhaust valve was positioned too high and the third-party contractor did not have the necessary extension to achieve clearance into the utility tray placed underneath possible leak points, allowing leachate to run down a tire and trail onto the loadout rack.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 ounces of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from the third-party tanker-truck trailer.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was applied to the affected area. The affected material was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 25 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the third-party contractor and reinforced the importance of having the necessary extension to direct liquid and prevent spills.

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

- A third-party tanker-truck driver was involved in the root cause of this spill.

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

- The third-party driver involved in the spill had previously received training from the driver's employer on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills. Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices and site expectations with drivers, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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.

- It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual was previously involved in the root cause of one leachate leak or spill.

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