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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

All,

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 leak of approximately 1 cup of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank D19, Group C, and manifest number CCL008361-M, from a bleeder valve on a third-party tanker-truck trailer at Tank Farm 10.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak 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 leak was discovered on September 22, 2026, at approximately 7:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank D19, Group C, and manifest number CCL008361-M leaked from a bleeder valve on a third-party tanker-truck trailer at Tank Farm 10. 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;

- Brandon Sanpablo.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a containment tray was placed beneath the bleeder valve to contain any remaining liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak resulted from a faulty bleeder valve on a third-party tanker-truck trailer. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically non-hazardous leachate

associated with Group C leaked from the third-party tanker-truck trailer bleeder valve.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent material was applied to the affected area. The soiled materials were then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced promptly and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- The bleeder valve was replaced to prevent recurrence.

(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.

Thank you,

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