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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 2 ounces of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from the swing check valve on the piping associated with well CV-2422 in Grid 185.

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 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the swing check valve on the piping associated with well CV-2422 in Grid 185. 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;

- Robert Vargas.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the valve was closed and the pump was turned off to stop the flow of liquid.

(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 the manner in which the swing check valve was installed, which interfered with the adjacent fitting and prevented it from sealing properly. Chiquita attributes this leak to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 ounces of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the swing check valve.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected area was cleaned with absorbent wipes, which were then properly disposed of in an appropriate container. Cleanup commenced immediately and completed within approximately 2 minutes.

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

- The swing check valve was replaced to address the installation issue and reduce the potential for recurrence. Chiquita also provided additional training to personnel on installation practices to help prevent similar leaks in the future.

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

- Chiquita personnel 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the leak had previously received training 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 has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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