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

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 spill at the scale house of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers LCM-01 through LCM-10, Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL002321-CC, from an air release valve on a third-party tanker truck.

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

- The spill occurred on September 23, 2026, at approximately 10:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers LCM-01 through LCM-10, Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL002321-CC, spilled from a third-party tanker truck at the scale house. Liquid from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Bryan Martinez.

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

Upon discovering the spill, the driver immediately closed the truck's air release valve 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, it appears the third-party driver did not fully close the air release valve on the rear inlet of the tanker truck after filling the truck. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

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

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

- In addition to the immediate response measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area. The soiled absorbent material was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 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 driver and reinforced the importance of confirming that valves are closed and equipment is functioning properly after filling. Chiquita also completed retraining of the tank farm personnel involved in the event on the applicable post-fill walkaround inspection procedures to help reduce the potential for similar 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with drivers. The Chiquita personnel involved in the event has previously received training on the 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 other leachate leaks or spills.

Thank you,

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