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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
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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 spill of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number LCM 01-10, Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL00193-RW from a third-party tanker trailer in Grid 246.

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

- The spill was discovered on September 29, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number LCM 01-10, Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, and manifest number CCL00193-RW spilled from a tanker trailer in Grid 246. 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;

- Kayla Barajas.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the pump was shut off and the driver immediately closed the truck's valve to stop the flow of liquid. Absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area and the soiled absorbent was placed into a container for proper disposal.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the third-party tanker-truck driver's error while loading resulted in the spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled from the third-party tanker trailer.

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

- The pump was shut off immediately. Cleanup was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

- Chiquita has ordered additional equipment to provide real-time flow monitoring during loading to aid third-party drivers in properly loading tanker trailers.

(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 tanker-truck driver involved in the spill had previously received applicable leak, spill, or PLR training from their employer. Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices 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.

- The third-party tanker-truck driver involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of one leachate leak, spill, or PLR.

Best Regards,

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