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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
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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 leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from the wellhead assembly of well CV-24078 in Grid 209.

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

- The leak was discovered on September 30, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the wellhead assembly of well CV-24078 in Grid 209. 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;

- Chris Fear.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the pneumatic pump was shut off and soil was promptly applied to the affected area to contain the leachate leak.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party contractor shut off the vacuum source while the pneumatic pump continued to operate, resulting in an accumulation of liquid that escaped through the wellhead assembly.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from well CV-24078.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected soil was removed and placed into a container for appropriate disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita sealed the affected area of the wellhead assembly to prevent further leakage. Chiquita will review and enhance communication and coordination between Chiquita personnel and its third-party contractors.

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

- A third-party contractor 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 direct training to third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill-and-leak prevention and reporting practices with contractors, 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 has previously been involved in the root cause of one leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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