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Subject: Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter, from a sand filter hose in the east-side treatment/treatment-road area in Grid 253.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 3, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, the North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, leaked from a sand filter hose in the east-side treatment/treatment-road area in Grid 253. 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;

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

- Upon discovering the leak, absorbent was promptly placed on the affected area.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, a pressurized sand filter hose line failed, which affected the solenoid controlling a three-way valve and resulted in the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 100 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate were released.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a third-party vacuum truck was used to remove the remaining

liquid from the treatment liner. The soiled absorbent was placed into an appropriate container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita switched to its backup sand filter and replaced the failed sand filter hose.

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

- No individual was identified as 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 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.

Best Regards,

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