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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
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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 at the scale house of approximately 6 ounces of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the C-line and Tank D12 at Tank Farm 10, from a third-party tanker-trailer.

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 October 3, 2026, at approximately 11:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the C-line and Tank D12 at Tank Farm 10 leaked into the containment area on top of a third-party tanker-trailer at the scale house. Liquid from the leak remained in the containment and did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Michael Fajardo.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the liquid was promptly vacuumed from the third-party tanker-trailer's containment area to stop and contain the release. Only 6 ounces of leachate leaked out of the tanker-trailer's containment area and absorbent was promptly applied.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak resulted from a faulty vent in the top of the third-party tanker-trailer's containment area.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 6 ounces of characteristically non-hazardous leachate

associated with the C-line leaked from the faulty vent into the top of the third-party tanker trailer containment area.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, additional absorbent was applied to the affected area and a vacuum truck was used to remove pooled liquid from the containment area. The soiled absorbent and liquid were placed into appropriate containers for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 20 minutes.

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

- Chiquita notified the third-party contractor of the faulty vent and requested that the responsible third-party tanker-trailer be temporarily banned from service at Chiquita until proper repairs are completed.

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

- No individuals 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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors, and 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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