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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e)
Importance: Normal
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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 spill of approximately 0.75 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter from a header pipe connected to the east side sand filter located in Grid 253.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the spill 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 spill occurred on October 5, 2026, at approximately 1:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter spilled from a header pipe connected to the east side sand filter located in Grid 253. 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;

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the header valve was immediately closed to stop the flow of liquid. Absorbent was then applied to the affected area.

(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 contractor did not close the header valve prior to beginning work, resulting in a spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.75 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter spilled.

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

- In addition to the immediate response measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent material was promptly removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 30 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 contractor and communicated the need for the contractor to implement measures to ensure that the applicable header valves are closed before and during the contractor's maintenance work.

(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 training to third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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