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Subject: UPDATED Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

All,

Upon further investigation, Chiquita hereby revises and resubmits the following Condition 27(e) report, which was previously submitted on October 11, 2026, to indicate the precise root cause, corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak, and corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

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 non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from Tank D2 in Grid 94.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 10, 2026, at approximately 4:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from Tank D2 in Grid 94. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Alex Rodriguez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel redirected leachate into Tank D1 and closed the force main ball valve feeding into Tank D2 to stop additional leachate from entering Tank D2.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak resulted from an obstruction in a pipe connecting the C-Line to Tank Farm 10. The obstruction created a backup in the C-Line, allowing air to enter Tank D2, and causing the liquid in Tank D2 to foam. The foam exited from Tank D2 and subsequently broke down, dispersing leachate.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area and then placed into a container for proper disposal. A third-party contractor cleanup crew pressure washed all of Tank Farm 10 and rinsed Tank D1 and Tank D2. Cleanup was completed within approximately 8 hours.

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

- The obstruction in a pipe connecting the C-Line to Tank Farm 10 has been cleared. In addition, Chiquita will train the relevant personnel on how to read flow meters to help identify line obstructions and will require them to notify upper management when an obstructed line is suspected.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 10, 2026, at approximately 4:00 a.m.

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- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from Tank D2 in Grid 94. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Alex Rodriguez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel redirected leachate into Tank D1 and closed the force main ball valve feeding into Tank D2 to stop additional leachate from entering Tank D2.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak may have resulted from excessive foaming of the liquid entering Tank D2, potentially due to air entering the force main. The precise root cause remains under investigation.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area and then placed into a container for proper disposal. A third-party contractor cleanup crew was called to the site to assist in the removal of the remaining leachate from the affected area. Cleanup is still ongoing and is estimated to be completed within approximately 5 hours.

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

- Further investigation is needed to determine the appropriate corrective actions to be implemented to prevent future recurrence. Chiquita is currently evaluating what could be causing the foaming of the liquid entering the clarifying tanks of Tank Farm 10. The timeline for this investigation is currently undetermined.

(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 personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

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