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Subject: Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
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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 spill of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group LCM from the manway hatch of LCM Tank #1 in the LCM area, off- the grid map, below Grid 250.

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

- The spill was discovered on October 14, 2026, at approximately 3:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group LCM spilled from the manway hatch of LCM Tank #1 in the LCM area, off the grid map, below Grid 250. No liquid from the spill entered 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 spill, the valves on the main feed lines were promptly closed to stop the flow of leachate into LCM Tank #1.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that Tank Farm personnel did not confirm that the manway hatch was properly sealed and secured before Tank LCM #1 was filled, and leachate spilled through the manway hatch during filling. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 504 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the spilled leachate was vacuumed up and the affected area was pressure washed. The spill was contained within the concrete secondary containment area where the LCM manifold is located, which facilitated prompt cleanup. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 45 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will review the proper filling procedures with the Tank Farm personnel involved in the spill, including verifying that all openings, valves, and potential release points are sealed and secured before filling begins. This review is anticipated to take place next week.

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

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training 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 this individual has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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