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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
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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 leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from Air Release Valve (ARV)-02 in Grid 147.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 19, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from ARV-02 in Grid 147. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Derek Biasi.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the A-line pump was shut off and the valve feeding the ARV was closed to stop the flow of leachate.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak discovered on October 19, 2026 appears to be a recurrence of the leak from ARV-02 previously reported on October 18, 2026. Although corrective work was performed on October 16, 2026, it appears those measures did not fully resolve the underlying issue, resulting in a recurrence of the leak. Chiquita attributes the original leak to third-party operator error and equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 20 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, a vacuum truck was used to collect free standing liquid. The affected area was pressure washed while simultaneously applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita personnel implemented additional corrective measures to more fully address the equipment issue. These measures included replacing the entire ARV lid, applying room-temperature-vulcanizing silicone sealant, and torquing the bolts to the required specifications to ensure the lid is secured. Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement additional corrective actions as needed to prevent similar leaks.

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

- A third-party contractor was involved in the root cause of the original leak.

(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 contractors; 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the third-party individual involved in the root cause of the original leak had previously been involved in the root cause of another leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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