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

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 of less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main riser on well number CV-2349 in Grid 206.

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 20, 2026, at approximately 1:44 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a force main riser on well number CV-2349 in Grid 206. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Dez Carter.

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

- No liquid was actively flowing upon discovering the leak.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the 2-inch camlock cap on the force main riser became improperly seated on the cleanout connection, allowing liquid to leak from the cap. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the associated valve was closed, and the affected area was promptly pressure washed while simultaneously applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

- The 2-inch camlock cap was secured and inspected to confirm that it was properly seated on the force main riser. Chiquita will continue to perform quality assurance and quality control checks of equipment connections to confirm that they remain properly seated and secured. Chiquita will also continue to inspect equipment, perform preventative maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed to reduce the potential for similar leaks.

(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 this leak.

Best Regards,

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