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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of approximately 0.5 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tanks LCM-01 through LCM-15 from a third-party tanker truck located adjacent to Grid 246.

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 21, 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

• Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tanks LCM-01 through LCM-15 spilled adjacent to Grid 246. 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;

• Chris Arciga.

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

•Upon discovering the spill, the related 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 driver did not close the valve prior to beginning work, resulting in a spill from the tanker truck. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

• Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate 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 5 minutes.

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

•Chiquita will reinforce with third-party drivers the importance of verifying valves are properly closed prior to beginning work to minimize the potential for similar spills.

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

•A third-party driver 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 drivers; 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.

• It is Chiquita's understanding that this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of other leachate leaks or spills.

Best Regards,

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