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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 2 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, tank numbers L13-14 to L13-16, and manifest number RAD-195355, from a 4-inch hose into secondary containment near Grid 252.

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 22, 2026, at approximately 7:27 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, tank numbers L13-14 to L13-16, and manifest number RAD-195355, spilled from a 4-inch hose into secondary containment near Grid 252.

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

- Blue Velez.

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

- The spilled liquid was captured entirely within the secondary containment. Absorbent was applied to the liquid in the containment area.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the third-party driver removed the cap before pressure in the hose had been fully relieved, causing residual liquid in the hose to spill into the secondary containment. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 cups of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was 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 reminded the third-party driver of the need to open the bleeder valve to relieve any remaining pressure in the hose and to obtain verbal confirmation from Chiquita personnel before disconnecting the hose or removing the cap.

(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 a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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