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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 approximately 2 cups of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from threaded connections on the force main related to well number CV-2344 located in Grid 204.

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 23, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;
- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the threaded connections on the force main carrying leachate from well number CV-2344 in Grid 204. 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;
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(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel promptly turned off the force main to stop the flow of liquid.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;
- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak resulted from loose or compromised fittings at the threaded connections on the force main, allowing liquid to leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 cups 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 well casing was cleaned and soil was removed from the affected area 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 ensure that threaded connections are properly taped, sealed, and tightened using appropriate tools and techniques. Chiquita will also continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement

appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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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