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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 0.5 cups of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a valve on piping associated with well number CV-2354 located in Grid 202.

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 9:41 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;
- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a valve on piping associated with well CV-2354 located in Grid 202. 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;
- John Boucher.

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
- Upon discovering the leak, the valve was closed 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 piping associated with the valve shifted downhill, potentially due to recent rainfall. The movement of the piping may have caused the valve handle to open, allowing liquid to leak. Chiquita attributes the leak to mechanical equipment failure.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 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, absorbent was placed in the affected area and then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. 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;
- Chiquita assessed the equipment and repositioned and secured the piping to help prevent further sliding and similar leaks. 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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