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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
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All,

In accordance with 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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from Tank D30 in Tank Farm 10, Grid 95.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

- The leak was discovered on October 26, 2026, at approximately 7:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from the manhole cover on top of Tank D30 in Tank Farm 10, Grid 95. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Joe Rodriguez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the liquid level in the tank was lowered to relieve the pressure against the manhole cover, stopping the leachate from leaking.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a defective valve allowed leachate to continue flowing into the tank when the valve should have prevented further filling. This caused the liquid level in the tank to rise, increasing pressure against the manhole cover and allowing leachate to leak past the gasket. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was applied to the affected area, which was then

removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will replace the defective valve and will 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 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 the leak.

Best Regards,

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