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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
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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 spill of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A near well number CV-2343 in Grid 204.

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

- The spill was discovered on October 26, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled near well number CV-2343 in Grid 204. No liquid from the spill entered either stormwater basin.

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

- Anthony Braz.

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

- In response to the spill, absorbent material was placed in the affected area, and a containment tray with additional absorbent material was positioned to collect any further leakage.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party contractor pinched off the 8-inch force main line in preparation for a tie-in. However, residual pressure remained in the line when the contractor cut into it, causing leachate to spray outside the secondary containment. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of characteristically 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. A vacuum truck was used to remove the remaining liquid from the containment tray. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita will evaluate measures to improve verification that lines are fully depressurized before work begins and discuss these measures with its contractors.

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

- A third-party contractor 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 contractors; 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.

- This individual has been previously involved in the root cause of one leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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