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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 one cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a sample port on the A-Line force main in Grid 245.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak is estimated at less than one 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 27, 2026, at approximately 2:09 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a sample port on the A-Line force main in Grid 245. 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;

- Tom Roe.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the A-Line sample port valve was fully closed to stop the flow of liquid. Soil was added around the port to contain the leaked liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the sample port appears to have been left partially open by a third-party contractor following sampling activities, resulting in the leak.

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

- Chiquita estimates that approximately one cup 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, affected soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately five minutes.

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

- The sample port valve was fully closed to ensure the leak had stopped. Chiquita reminded the third-party personnel to confirm that sample port valves are fully closed following sampling activities.

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

- Third-party personnel 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party personnel; 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 the third-party personnel have not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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