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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 less than 0.5 cups of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C, well CV-24171 in Grid 90.

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 28, 2026, at approximately 7:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C, well CV-24171, leaked in Grid 90. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Carlos Linares.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, personnel turned off the line and cleared air pressure within the line.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a minor tear in the discharge hose. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita estimates that less than 0.5 cups of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel cleaned the affected area using absorbent wipes, which were then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita replaced the damaged discharge hose 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 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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