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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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, Tank D-29, and manifest number CCL-008708-M, from a third-party tanker truck valve near the front entrance scale house.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 29, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C, Tank D-29, and manifest number CCL-008708-M, leaked from a valve on a third-party tanker truck near the front entrance scale house. 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;

- Robert Negrete

(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 and replaced to stop the flow of liquid from the truck.

(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 broken scrubber valve on a third-party tanker truck. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party contractor equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from the faulty scrubber valve on the third-party tanker truck.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area and then collected and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to inspect the valves on tanker trucks prior to the trucks leaving the tank farms to help minimize 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 the leak.

Best Regards,

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