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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 approximately 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, Tanks L13-44 to L13-80, from a transfer pump in Grid 250.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 30, 2026, at approximately 3:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter, Tanks L13-44 to L13-80, leaked from a transfer pump in Grid 250. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Hector Perez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the transfer pump was shut down and isolated to stop the flow of leachate, and absorbent was applied to the affected area.

(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 failed seal on a pump used to transfer leachate to Tank Farm 7. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of treated non-hazardous leachate leaked.

(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. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately

10–15 minutes.

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

- The transfer pump's failed seal has been repaired. Chiquita discussed with personnel involved that all pumps must undergo a pre-operation inspection to ensure fittings, seals, connections, and mechanical components are in good working order, prior to starting operations, and will continue to 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 the leak.

Best Regards,

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