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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 1 ounce of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a hose connection related to well number CV-2554 located in Grid 171.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak is estimated at less than 1 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 November 2, 2026, at approximately 10:17 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well number CV-2554 in Grid 171. 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;

- No liquid was actively flowing upon discovering the leak from well number CV-2554. The appropriate technical personnel were notified to further assess the source and cause of the leak.

(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 loose bolt on the hose connection at the wellhead, likely caused by expansion and contraction due to temperature changes (thermal cycling). Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 ounce 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, an absorbent wipe was used to clean the liquid that leaked onto the wellhead. No liquid reached the ground. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 4 hours. This timeframe included coordination with personnel, assessment of the leak, and evaluation of any necessary repairs.

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

- Chiquita resecured the fitting on the flange to the hose to minimize the likelihood of recurrence. Chiquita will also continue to inspect equipment, perform preventative maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed to reduce 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 this leak.

Best Regards,

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