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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter and manifest CCL00774-IR from a third-party tanker trailer at Tank Farm 7 in Grid 246.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;
- The spill was discovered on November 5, 2026, at approximately 10:35 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;
- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter and manifest CCL00774-IR spilled from the exhaust port of a third-party tanker trailer at Tank Farm 7 in Grid 246. Liquid from the spill did not reach either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;
- Matthew Ruiz.

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
- Upon discovering the spill, personnel applied absorbent material to contain the spilled liquid.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;
- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the tank farm operators miscalculated the capacity of the third-party tanker trailer, resulting in the volume of liquid being loaded exceeding the trailer's capacity and allowing liquid to spill from the exhaust port. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;
- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent material was vacuumed from the affected area and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 1 hour.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;
- Chiquita will reinforce to relevant personnel the importance of verification of the existing trailer capacity and calculated loading amounts to prevent recurrence.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;
- Chiquita personnel were involved in the root cause of this spill.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and
- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training 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 this individual has not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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