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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main valve related to well number CV-2561 in Grid 146.

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

- The leak was discovered on November 6, 2026, at approximately 8:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well number CV-2561 in Grid 146. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Gerardo Magana.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the force main valve was promptly closed, and a cap was installed to stop the flow of liquid.

(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 occurred when a steel U-strap supporting the force main valve became dislodged and struck the valve handle, causing the valve to open and allowing liquid to leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 gallons 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, the affected area was pressure washed while simultaneously

applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 hours.

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

- Chiquita will continue to use best efforts to verify that valves are properly secured. Chiquita will also continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement additional corrective actions as needed to reduce the likelihood of 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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