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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Pressurized Leachate Release (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 pressurized leachate release (PLR) involving characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2558 located in Grid 148.

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

- The PLR occurred on November 6, 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- The PLR involved characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2558 located in Grid 148. Liquid from the PLR did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Edwin Leon.

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

- During the PLR, Chiquita personnel placed sandbags around the affected area to contain the liquid and then applied a cleaning solution to facilitate cleanup of the containment around well CV-2558.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, this PLR appears to be a recurrence of the PLR from well number CV-2558 previously reported on November 6, 2026. Although well CV-2558 had previously been identified as a PLR well and Chiquita personnel replaced, bolted, and fully sealed the wellhead with a knife gate valve on November 4, 2026, it appears that these measures redirected pressure within the well, compromising a bore seal and allowing leachate to escape around the well casing. Chiquita attributes this PLR to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that well CV-2558 released approximately 11 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A during the PLR.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel installed a liner around the well casing with an accompanying boot to contain any released liquid. Chiquita personnel used a vacuum truck to capture released liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed by the end of the business day.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita will excavate the area around the well to repair the bore seal around the well casing. This work is anticipated to occur on November 9, 2026.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this PLR.

(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 PLR; 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 PLR.

Best Regards,

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