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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
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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 non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C and well number CV-2612 in Grid 99.

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

- The leak was discovered on November 9, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C and well number CV-2612 leaked from a ball valve on a force main in Grid 99. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Dave Jappert.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the ball valve on the force main was returned to the closed position 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, ground settlement may have caused a sandbag positioned beneath the ball valve to shift and press against the valve handle, partially opening the valve and allowing leachate to leak from the force main. Chiquita attributes this leak to ground settlement.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 25 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the liquid was removed using a vacuum truck, and the affected area of the liner was pressure washed. Cleanup was completed within approximately 45 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to routinely inspect its equipment and associated infrastructure, including checking the placement of sandbags near valves and other potential stress points, and adjust or reposition sandbags as needed to prevent interference with valve operation due to ground settlement or shifting sandbags. Chiquita will also continue to perform maintenance and implement appropriate 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 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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