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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a force main related to well number CV-24028 in Grid 178.

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

- The leak was discovered on November 10, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a force main related to well number CV-24028 in Grid 178. 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 valve on the force main was closed to stop the flow of liquid. The force main was then raised off the ground and secured in position.

(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 the force main becoming unsecured and shifting from its original position, allowing leachate to leak from the force main. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 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, a vacuum truck was used to collect free standing liquid.

Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita will 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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