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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

All,

Consistent with reports provided under 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 approximately 4 ounces of characteristically non-hazardous leachate from a pipe associated with well number CV-2636 located in Grid 74.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak is estimated at less than 1 gallon. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given ongoing reporting requests from other regulators.
(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

- The leak was discovered on November 10, 2026, at approximately 4:58 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from well number CV-2636 in Grid 74. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Paul Marquez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the bent pipe was promptly straightened to address the leak and 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 the well casing shifted, causing the associated piping to bend and liquid to leak from the pipe. Ground settlement may have contributed to this movement.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 ounces of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the residual liquid was contained within a naturally occurring soil berm. The affected soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, including well casings and piping for signs of shifting, bending, or other damage, perform preventative maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed to reduce the potential for 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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