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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 approximately 100 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A and well CV-24019, located at the boundary between Grids 179 and 180.

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

- The leak was discovered on November 12, 2026, at approximately 9:10 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A and well CV-24019 leaked at the boundary between Grids 179 and 180. The leachate did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- Chris Fear

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

- Upon discovering the leak, personnel promptly closed the clean-out valve and installed a plug to stop the leak.

(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 force main pipe was resting on the ground, causing the clean-out valve to open. The circumstances that caused the pipe to be in this position have not been determined. Based on the available information, Chiquita believes the leak was attributable to equipment malfunction.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 100 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, personnel promptly vacuumed the standing leachate. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 8 hours.

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

recurrence;

- Chiquita secured the force main and installed a plug on the clean-out valve to address the leak. Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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 the leak.

Best Regards,

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