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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e
Importance: Normal
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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 1 cup of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C from sump SCP1 at Tank Farm 10 in Grid 94.

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 12, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked from a fitting connected to sump SCP1 at Tank Farm 10 in Grid 94. 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;

- John Ascencio.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the sump pump was promptly shut off to stop the flow of leachate.

(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 a compromised seal at a sump pump fitting, allowing leachate to leak through the connection. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup 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 affected soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Absorbent wipes were used to clean the PVC piping and were then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita removed the fittings, reapplied Teflon to improve the seals and reduce the likelihood of similar leaks, and reinstalled the fittings. Chiquita will also 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 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 leak.

Best Regards,

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