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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 less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with a pump located on an influent tank in Tank Farm 13 located in Grid 234.

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 16, 2026, at approximately 2:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with an influent tank in Tank Farm 13 leaked from a recirculation pump in Grid 234. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Scott Hanna.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the pump was stopped and isolated 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 pump seal. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with an influent tank in Tank Farm 13 leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was added to contain the leachate and was then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will swap out the broken pump with a working pump to properly diagnose the issue with the broken pump. 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;

0. 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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