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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, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report of a leachate leak, based on Chiquita's current knowledge of the event:

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

0. 0. The leak was discovered on February 9, 2025, at approximately 10:22 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. The leachate leaked from a pipe located in grid 227. Liquids from the leak crossed the perimeter road and entered the stormwater channel but were stopped by a dirt check dam and thus did not enter either stormwater basin.

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

2. 2. Nancy Bahena-Hernandez

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel tightened the flange, added fresh soil to the affected area, and created a berm around the piping. Once in the stormwater channel, liquids from the leak were contained by a check dam. Check dams are a best management practice used by Chiquita to stop or slow the flow of liquids in a stormwater channel in the event a spill or seep occurs. Chiquita also pressure washed the stormwater channel. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the following day.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak occurred because a flange was not fully tightened after construction of the pipe, allowing the liquid to leak from the pipe.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 30 gallons of leachate leaked from the pipe.

(7) corrective actions to prevent future recurrence

• * The Chiquita team will confirm that all flanges are tightened when installed to prevent recurrence.

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