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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

**Importance:** Normal

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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 spill, based on Chiquita's current knowledge of the event:

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

0. 0. The spill was discovered on February 25, 2025, at approximately 9:52 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected:

1. 1. The leachate spilled from a horizontal well line in grid 77. Liquids from the spill did not leave the liner, and therefore did not reach the perimeter road, any stormwater channel, or either stormwater basin.

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

2. 2. Elmer Sandoval

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Mr. Sandoval temporarily connected a vacuum to the line to contain the spill until more permanent repairs could be implemented. The spill was cleaned up by removing the contaminated soil from the area.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill occurred when personnel reopened the drain valve of an abandoned horizontal well as part of construction and maintenance activities associated the landfill's gas collection and control system/leachate collection and removal system.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of leachate spilled from the line.

(7) corrective actions to prevent future recurrence:

- \* Chiquita is in the process of reconnecting the line to a vacuum control point to allow leachate to drain from the line into a nearby sump.

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