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

**Importance:** Normal

**Sensitivity:** None

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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 March 7, 2025, at approximately 4:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. The leachate spilled from a leachate pipe hit by a third-party tanker truck near Tank Farm 7, located in grid 247. Characteristically non-hazardous leachate from the spill reached the perimeter road, entering the storm drain and the north portion of the south sedimentation basin (identified to as "stage one" in Chiquita's SWPPP); however, we do not believe any leachate reached stage two of the south sedimentation basin because of water levels, and the basin was not discharging to the river at the time of the incident.

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

2. 2. Bill Thayer

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately shut off the valve to the pipe. Chiquita then vacuumed and cleaned standing liquid from the storm drain and removed any impacted soil. Chiquita is in the process of pumping stage one of the south sedimentation basin and placing liquids into tanks located in Tank Farm 9.

(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 a third-party tanker truck jackknifed and slid backwards and into the leachate pipe, causing the pipe to rupture.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

0. 0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 100 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled due to this event, approximately 20 gallons of which entered the south sedimentation basin and is in the process of being pumped out.

(7) corrective actions to prevent future recurrence

- \* Chiquita intends to implement a one-way traffic pattern with traffic moving into the Tank Farm #7 area from the

northeast and exiting toward the southwest.

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