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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 13, 2025, at approximately 12:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. Leachate spilled from a pipe located in grid 178. Leachate from the spill remained on top of the geosynthetic cover and did not leave the landfill footprint or reach either stormwater channel or basin. Cleanup commenced immediately.

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

2. 2. Benito Ceullar (Continuum)

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Continuum personnel immediately used sand bags and absorbent to stop the spill. Continuum then vacuumed and cleaned the standing liquid from the top of the geosynthetic cover.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that leachate spilled from the pipe after Continuum cut the pipe in order to connect it to a new line while changing the vacuum source on a gas well. A small portion of leachate ran to the stormwater containment on top of the liner. Personnel are pumping out all of the liquid from the stormwater containment using a vacuum truck, and the liquid is being treated through carbon media. Once empty, the stormwater containment area will be power washed.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 80 gallons of untreated leachate and condensate spilled.

(7) corrective actions to prevent future recurrence

- \* Chiquita and Continuum met, reviewed the incident, and discussed actions to be taken while cutting pipes. Pipes are to be verified empty of liquid, drip pans are to be placed under areas that will be cut to catch any remaining liquid within the pipes, and pipes are to be cut from the top side first, then vacuuming any remaining liquid from the pipe

and drip pans, and then capping off the end of the pipe until it can be connected to the new line.

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