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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 17, 2025, at approximately 12:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. Treated leachate spilled from the hose of a dewatering pump located in grid 245. The treated leachate from the spill did not leave the landfill footprint or reach any stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

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

2. 2. Pete Small (ECT2)

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, ECT2 personnel immediately added absorbent to the affected area. The absorbent was then removed 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, it appears that when third-party contractor ECT2 was changing out the granular activated carbon, ECT2 personnel disconnected a hose from a dewatering pump to relieve pressure without first opening the valve to the tank, thereby causing leachate to spill from the hose onto the tank farm floor.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of treated leachate spilled.

(7) corrective actions to prevent future recurrence

- \* Chiquita met with ECT2 and discussed ensuring all correct valves are open before ECT2 performs granular activated carbon changeout.

Regards,

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