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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 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 April 14, 2025, at approximately 2:17 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. Treated leachate spilled from a pressure release valve of a third-party haul truck located in grid 245. The treated leachate from the spill did not reach any stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

2. 2. Cesar Osorio

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, the driver of the third-party haul truck immediately shut off the truck's Power Take-Off (PTO) and Chiquita tank farm personnel applied absorbent to the impacted area. Chiquita personnel then removed the contaminated absorbent and soil and replaced it with clean soil. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

(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 Chiquita personnel determined the third-party haul truck was overweight and directed it to return to the tank farm to remove excess liquids before leaving the site. When the truck's PTO was initiated to remove the excess liquids, a rise in pressure in the trailer caused the truck's pressure release valve to open, thereby causing treated leachate to spill.

(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 intends to install a load out rack to further facilitate drivers' loading of leachate into their trailers. Additionally, Chiquita personnel will use a mag meter to measure the flow of liquids and further ensure that drivers

more accurately fill their trailers, to minimize the potential for spills.

Regards,

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