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

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

- * The leak was discovered on April 24, 2025, at approximately 10:05 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

- * Treated leachate leaked from a leachate hose in Grids 245 and 246. The leachate from the leak did not leave the footprint of the landfill and did not reach any stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- * Mario Candelas

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

- * Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita and contractor personnel immediately stopped the activity, closed the valve, and capped the hose. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

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

- * Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that as ECT2 was treating leachate, a malfunctioning ball valve allowed liquid to pass through a manifold and leak through a valve and out the attached, uncapped hose onto the ground within the tank farm. Chiquita believes the ball valve malfunctioned due to normal wear and tear. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction related to the ball valve and to human error for not capping the hose.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill

- * Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 3 gallons of treated leachate.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- * To clean the leak, Chiquita added absorbent to the soil, removed the absorbent and soil, and placed it in a 55-gallon drum.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- * Chiquita replaced the malfunctioning ball valve with a new ball valve and capped all hoses within the tank farm. These corrective actions were complete on April 24, 2025.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

- * Chiquita personnel were involved in the root cause of the leak with respect to the uncapped hose.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- * Chiquita tank farm personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills. The ball valve was inspected prior to commencing the activity, but the leak was internal and not visible during the inspection.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- * No individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill. Chiquita has begun tracking this information as of April 16, the date of issuance of the modified SOFA.

Regards,

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