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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 April 30, 2025, at approximately 11:15 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected

1. 1. Treated leachate spilled from a pressure release valve on a third-party haul truck in Grid 248. The leachate from the spill 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

2. 2. Alex Rodriguez

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita tank farm personnel immediately turned off the pump that was filling the truck and the third-party truck driver closed the valve to stop all liquids from flowing into the truck.

(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 while loading a haul truck, the haul truck driver provided inaccurate truck capacity to Chiquita tank farm staff, and the excess liquid spilled from the truck's pressure release valve. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

(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 clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- \* Chiquita personnel applied absorbent to the impacted area. Chiquita personnel then removed the absorbent and contaminated soil and applied clean soil to the area. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

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

- \* 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. Chiquita has retained a third party to install and calibrate the mag meters at each tank farm. Chiquita is waiting on the third-party technician to provide a timeline and can provide an update.

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

- \* The third-party truck hauler was involved in the root cause of the leachate spill.

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

- \* Chiquita does not provide training to third-party truck drivers; however, Chiquita tank farm personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills and will be installing the mag meters as further described in response to question 8.

(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.

Regards,

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