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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 May 14, 2025, at approximately 3:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

1. 1. Leachate spilled from a pipe in Grid 54. 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. Dez Carter (Continuum contractor).

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Mr. Carter recapped the pipe to stop the liquid from flowing.

(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 the contractors removed a cap from an active pipe that was located near the scrap pipe storage area, believing that the pipe was no longer active.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 15 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- * Continuum personnel applied absorbent to the impacted area, 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;

- * After recapping the pipe, Continuum personnel clamped and relocated the pipe outside of the scrap pipe storage

area. The pipe was then spray painted orange to identify it as an active line, and contractors were reminded about scrap pipe storage.

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

- * An on-site contractor was involved in the root cause of this leachate spill.

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

- * Contractors were aware of the scrap pipe storage location.

(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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