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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 8:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

1. 1. Treated leachate spilled from a third-party haul truck onto the scale outside of the scale house. 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. Robert Aguilar.

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, absorbent was applied to 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 leachate spilled into the containment area on top of the truck, and as the result of a valve that was damaged when it was closed by the driver, the liquid then flowed from the truck onto the scale outside the scale house.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of treated leachate spilled.

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

- * Chiquita personnel then removed the absorbent. 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 will monitor drivers as they close the valves on their trucks.

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

- * A third-party truck hauler was involved in the root cause of the 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.

(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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