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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 condensate/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 May 21, 2025, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- * A combination of leachate and condensate leaked from the leachate collection system in grid 79 and flowed into grid 89. The leak reached the stormwater channel but did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- * Elmer Sandoval.

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

- * Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita built a containment berm to contain the liquid and built additional check dams in the stormwater channel to ensure the liquid did not travel to the stormwater basins.

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

- * Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, during construction to install a new 18-inch header on the north side, excess liquid from the piping was drained into the North Toe French drain. The crew had two pumps to remove the liquid. One pump had a disconnected hose and was unable to pump liquids out of the sump. The other pump alone was unable to remove all of the liquids, and liquids pooled up and around the French Drain system and into the stormwater channel.

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

- * Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 100 gallons of leachate and condensate leaked.

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

- * Cleanup commenced immediately. Chiquita personnel vacuumed the liquid from the sump and the stormwater channel, applied absorbent to the area impacted by the leak, removed the used absorbent and soiled dirt, and

applied fresh soil to the area. Both pumps were replaced and tested to confirm they are working properly. Chiquita is in the process of pressure washing the stormwater channel and anticipates completion of the cleanup work by May 23, 2025. To ensure proper collection of wash water, Chiquita applies vacuum while pressure washing the stormwater channel.

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

- * Chiquita will continue to inspect and perform regular maintenance on the pumps.

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

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. Chiquita operates the equipment that leaked.

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

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak. However, Chiquita 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.

- * There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak.

Regards,

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