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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

**Importance:** Normal

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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;

- \* The spill was discovered on May 23, 2025, at approximately 8:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- \* Treated leachate spilled from a hose in grid 247. The liquids did not leave the landfill footprint and did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- \* Max Cramm and Paul Ramos.

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

- \* Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel added absorbent to the area.

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

- \* Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, a third-party driver ran over the road crossing located in the middle of the tank farm, which was connected to the end cap. The driver then reversed the truck, inadvertently disconnecting the hose from the treatment system. The remaining liquids in the hose released onto the ground.

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

- \* Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 15 gallons of treated leachate spilled.

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

- \* Chiquita added absorbent to the area and removed the contaminated soil. 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 add delineator cones on the end caps on the road crossings to prevent future recurrence. Chiquita

will have this corrective action complete by May 26, 2025.

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

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

(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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