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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;

- \* The spill was discovered on May 29, 2025, at approximately 12:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- \* Treated leachate spilled from a haul truck in grid 247. The spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- \* Robert Aguilar

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

- \* Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately stopped filling the truck with leachate.

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

- \* Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that during truck filling operations, the haul truck was filled above its maximum capacity due to an error with the gauge on the driver's truck, which caused leachate to flow from the pressure release valve on the top of the trailer.

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

- \* Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of treated leachate spilled from the truck.

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

- \* Chiquita personnel applied absorbent to area impacted by the spill. The absorbent and soiled dirt was then removed, and fresh soil was applied 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 will ensure that a mag meter is used to measure the flow of liquids during truck filling operations to more accurately fill their trailers to minimize recurrence.

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

- \* Chiquita personnel operate the equipment that spilled.

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

- \* 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.

- \* No individuals involved in the root cause of this spill had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Regards,

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