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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 June 11, 2025, at approximately 3:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Leachate spilled from a third-party haul truck on the paved exit road near the scale house. The spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. 1. Graham Gaddis.

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Mr. Gaddis (a contractor) and Chiquita personnel placed a drip pan under the trailer to collect the leachate.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, after filling the haul truck, the third-party truck driver did not fully secure all of the bolts on the top hatch of their trailer, such that when the truck descended toward the outbound scale, leachate filled the containment area on top of the truck and flowed down the hose located in the middle of the trailer and onto the pavement outside of the scale house. This was a driver error.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 7 gallons of leachate spilled from the truck onto the paved road.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill. The absorbent was then removed. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 30 minutes.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel will observe each driver check the top hatch of their truck prior to the driver being cleared to leave the tank farm.

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

1. 1. A third-party truck hauler was involved in the root cause of this spill.

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

2. 2. 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.

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

Regards,

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