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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, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a leak of hazardous leachate from a well:

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

0. 0. The leak was discovered on July 10, 2025, at approximately 6:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Leachate leaked from the vacuum line attached to a well in grid 177. The leak 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;

1. 1. Adrian Avendano

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita tank farm personnel immediately closed the valve to the well to stop the flow of leachate.

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

0. 0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak began due to a broken fuse on the vacuum connection to the well. The error is attributable to equipment malfunction.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 gallons of hazardous leachate leaked from the vacuum line.

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

0. 0. The leak was limited to the top of the geosynthetic cover. Chiquita tank farm personnel promptly pressure washed the top of the geosynthetic cover and then removed the liquid with a vacuum truck. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 4 hours.

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

0. 0. Moving forward, Chiquita tank farm staff will continue to conduct regular maintenance of the wells and the well field.

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

1. 1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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

2. 2. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; 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. There were no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak.

Regards,

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