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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 leachate from a pipe:

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

0. 0. The leak was discovered on July 23, 2025, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Leachate leaked from a pipe in grid 188. 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. Tom Roe

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

0. 0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel lifted the pipe to allow liquids to flow back to the sump.

(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 pipe in question shifted, causing the pipe to drain the wrong way which allowed liquid to leak from a loose blind flange. The error is attributable to equipment malfunction.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1.75 gallons of leachate leaked from the pipe, which connects to group A.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the leak. The soiled absorbent was then removed. Cleanup commenced immediately and cleanup of the absorbent was completed within approximately 3-4 hours. Chiquita personnel removed the blind flange and installed a gasket onto the pipe. Personnel also repositioned the pipe to ensure proper drainage.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel will continue to conduct regular inspections and maintenance of pipes, including seals.

(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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