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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, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a spill of hazardous leachate from a third-party haul truck near the outbound scale outside of the scale house:

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

- 0. 0. The spill was discovered on August 4, 2025, at approximately 12:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- 0. 0. Leachate spilled from the top hatch of a third-party haul truck onto the road leading to the exit as well as onto the outbound scale near the scale house. The spill occurred outside of the landfill footprint but did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- 1. 1. Jose Landeros

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

- 0. 0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill.

(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 after completing their filling, the third-party truck driver did not fully secure the top hatch of their trailer, thereby allowing liquid to spill from the hatch when the truck descended toward the outbound scale. This was driver error.

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

- 1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 16 gallons of hazardous leachate from group B (collected from tanks 20 and 21 located in Tank Farm 7) spilled from the third-party haul truck onto the road and the outbound scale near the scale house.

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

- 0. 0. Chiquita personnel removed the soiled absorbent and placed it into a container used for hazardous waste. Cleanup of the spill commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

0. 0. Chiquita personnel will verify that the top hatch of third-party haul trucks is closed before trucks are allowed to leave the tank farm.

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

1. 1. A third-party hauler truck was involved in the root cause of the 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 spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Regards,

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