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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate (associated with Group C) from a forcemain pipe:

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

0. 0. The leak was discovered on August 5, 2025, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. 0. Characteristically non-hazardous leachate from Group C leaked from a forcemain pipe in grid 232. 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. Carlos Razo

(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 immediately used clamps to stop the liquid from leaking.

(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 a fuse on the forcemain pipe was not completely welded together, allowing leachate to leak from the pipe when the pumps were turned on. The error is attributable to third-party contractor error.

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

1. 1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate from Group C leaked from the pipe.

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

- \* Chiquita personnel immediately bermed the area with dirt and added absorbent to the area impacted by the leak. All standing liquid was then removed using a vacuum truck and placed in a hazardous storage tank for treatment using the landfill's granular activated carbon system. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed in a container for contaminated waste. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within

approximately 1-2 hours.

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

- \* Chiquita personnel re-welded the forcemain pipe to correct the issue. Chiquita personnel will continue to conduct weekly inspections of the forcemain piping.

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

0. 0. A Chiquita contractor was 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

1. 1. Chiquita does not provide training to third parties; however, Chiquita communicated this issue to the contractor company. In addition, 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.

2. 2. 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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