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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 leak of non-hazardous leachate from two sump pumps located in North Sump 4:

- (1) the date and time of the leak or spill;
  0. The leak was discovered on August 13, 2025, at approximately 2:00 p.m.
- (2) area designation inspected;
  0. Leachate leaked from two sump pumps located in North Sump 4 in grid 79. No specific well or tank was involved. Liquid from the leak reached the stormwater channel, but did not reach either stormwater basin.
- (3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;
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- (4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;
  0. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita staff built a check dam to prevent liquid from traveling through the stormwater channel and to the stormwater basin and worked to repair the inoperable pumps to begin drawing down liquid from the sump and toe drain.
- (5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;
  0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the air compressor connected to two sump pumps in North Sump 4 malfunctioned, which stopped the flow of air to the sump pumps and prevented them from pumping. As a result, liquids backed up into and pooled around the toe drain, crossed the perimeter road, and entered into the stormwater channel. The leak is attributable to equipment malfunction.
- (6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;
  1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 40 gallons of non-hazardous leachate leaked from the inoperable pumps.
- (7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

0. Chiquita personnel promptly deployed a vacuum truck to remove standing liquids and dewater the sump and toe drain. The initial phase of cleanup commenced immediately and took approximately two hours to complete. The following day, August 14, 2025, Chiquita pressure washed the stormwater channel while applying vacuum to collect all wash water. All liquids and soil impacted by the leak, including the check dam, were collected and contained in a dewatering bin, which will be sampled and disposed.

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

0. Chiquita will continue to inspect the sump pumps located in North Sump 4 on a daily basis and replace any pumps found to be inoperable to prevent liquids from backing up.

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

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. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita tank farm personnel have been trained on applicable operations to avoid spills and leaks.

(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.

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

Regards,

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