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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 associated with Group B from a ball valve in Tank Farm 7:

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

0. The spill was discovered on August 17, 2025, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous leachate spilled from a ball valve connected to a load out rack in Tank Farm 7, located within grid 239. The spill 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. Bryan Martinez

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

0. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately closed the ball valve to stop the flow of liquids.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party transfer truck driver did not completely close the ball valve on the load out rack after completing a transfer of leachate. This caused liquid to flow from the opened ball valve, into a drip pan, and then onto the ground in Tank Farm 7. This spill is attributable to third-party driver error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 17 gallons of hazardous leachate from Group B spilled from the ball valve.

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

0. Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill. The absorbent was then removed and placed in a container for hazardous waste, and fresh soil was added. Cleanup 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. Chiquita communicated the details of this incident to the contractor company. Additionally, tank farm staff will continue to check tank manifolds and valves to minimize the potential for spills or leaks.

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

1. A Chiquita contractor was involved in the root cause of this spill.

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

2. Chiquita does not provide training to third parties; however, 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. 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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