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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 frac tank in Tank Farm 13:

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

0. The spill was discovered on August 18, 2025, at approximately 11:48 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

0. Hazardous leachate spilled from a frac tank located in Tank Farm 13, within grid 233. 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. Nancy Bahena-Hernandez

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

0. The third-party on-site contractor stopped the transfer of leachate into the tank.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that during the third-party on-site contractor's transfer of leachate into a frac tank, excess air from the empty tanker pushed through the hose, causing pressure into the frac tank. This pressure allowed leachate to spill from the top of the lid of the frac tank onto the liner in the secondary containment area within Tank Farm 13. This spill is attributable to third-party on-site contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 7 gallons of hazardous leachate spilled onto the liner in secondary containment.

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

0. Upon discovery, Chiquita personnel promptly called its third-party on-site contractor to vacuum standing liquid and pressure wash the area. The on-site contractor vacuumed all standing liquid and pressure washed the area,

collecting all wash water during the process. All liquids that were removed from the area were treated through the site's granular activated carbon system. The cleanup process took approximately three hours to complete.

(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's manager who provided further direction to the driver directly. In the event this happens again, the driver will not be invited back to the landfill. Chiquita has opened temporary clarifying tanks within Tank Farm 13 to reduce the potential for increased pressure, thereby decreasing the risk of similar spills.

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

1. A third-party on-site 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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