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**From:** [Amanda Froman](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026 9:55:46 AM  
**To:** [Baitong Chen](#)  
**Cc:** [Kate Logan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))  
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All,

Following additional investigation, Chiquita hereby resubmits the Condition 27(e) log circulated this morning.

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 hazardous liquid associated with Group B sump 7 located in grid 244.

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

0. The leak was discovered on January 4, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group B leaked from sump 7 located in grid 244. Liquid from the leak reached the perimeter road but did not enter the stormwater channel or 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, the cleanup crew immediately contained the liquid using a soil berm.

(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 sump pump shut down because the liquid levels in the sump's casing were too low, indicating that the sump's casing was obstructing the flow of liquid. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 20 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group B leaked from sump 7.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita deployed a vacuum truck to vacuum the standing liquid.

Absorbent was then applied to the remainder of the area impacted by the leak. The absorbent, and any additional soil impacted by the leak, was removed and placed into separate containers for proper disposal. 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;

1. Chiquita will disassemble the sump pump to add more perforations to the casing to allow liquid to enter more freely. The additional perforations will allow more liquid into the sump, which should prevent similar leaks in the future. Chiquita anticipates that these repairs will be completed by January 20, 2026.

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

0. 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

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel has 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.

- To Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Thank you,

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