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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))

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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A from sump 5 located in Grid 207. The site team is continuing to gather information regarding the leak. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional details become available.

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

1. The leak was discovered on January 18, 2026, at approximately 8:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from sump 5 located in Grid 207 onto the perimeter road. Liquid from the leak did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

1. Tom Roe

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

1. Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel created a soil berm to contain the leachate.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that when Chiquita personnel installed the pressure sensor in the sump, the controller levels were set too high, causing the sump to overflow.

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

2. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from the sump.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly removed all impacted soil and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Chiquita also deployed a vacuum truck to remove all standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 hours.

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

3. Chiquita is still evaluating corrective actions and will provide this information in an updated report.

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

4. Chiquita personnel.

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

5. Chiquita will provide this information in an updated report.

(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.

6. Chiquita will provide this information in an updated report.

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