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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM tank #5, manifest number CCL002965-X, from a third-party tanker truck located in grid 247.

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

1. The spill was discovered on January 12, 2026, at approximately 10:05 a.m. Chiquita recognizes this report is being submitted after the applicable reporting timeframe and is reviewing its internal reporting procedures to help prevent recurrence.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM tank #5, manifest number CCL002965-X, spilled from a third-party tanker truck located in grid 247. Liquid from the spill 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;

1. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that while leachate was being loaded into the third-party tanker truck, Chiquita personnel operated the pump motor at an RPM that was too high for the liquid volume/head conditions of the tank. As a result, the tanker truck filled more quickly than expected and leachate spilled from the tanker. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 100 gallons of non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM tank #5, manifest number CCL002965-X, spilled from the third-party tanker truck.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly removed the soiled absorbent and placed it into a container for proper disposal. A vacuum truck was used to collect all standing liquid. 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 updated the relevant Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to reflect the lower RPM requirement and retrained tank farm personnel following the spill.

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

1. Chiquita personnel were 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

1. The individuals involved in the root cause of this spill were previously trained on the relevant SOPs as well as 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.

- Upon further review, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill was involved in a similar spill that occurred on January 15, 2026, and was reported on January 17, 2026.

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