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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 from a tank of hazardous leachate associated with tank number U13-38, manifest number 021312340FLE, in grid 94.

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

1. The spill was discovered on January 19, 2026, at approximately 8:35 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Hazardous leachate associated with tank number U13-38, manifest number 021312340FLE, spilled from a tank in grid 94. 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;

1. Brandon Sanpablo

(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 Chiquita personnel unintentionally left the tank's bleeder valve open while it was connected to the pump on the hazardous waste tanker head during loadout. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of hazardous leachate associated with tank number U13-38, manifest number 021312340FLE, spilled from the tank.

(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. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 minutes.

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

1. Chiquita will retrain personnel to ensure the bleeder valve is closed.

(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 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 spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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