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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 the north perimeter leaked from a flare knockout pot located in grid 77.

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

1. The leak was discovered on January 19, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the north perimeter leaked from a flare knockout pot in grid 77. 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. Victor Amaya

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

1. Upon discovering the leak, a third-party contractor stopped the flow of liquid by tightening the fitting.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears temperature fluctuations caused the piping to expand and contract, which loosened the flare knockout pot fitting. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the north perimeter leaked from the flare knockout pot.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly removed the impacted soil and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 28 hours.

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

1. Chiquita personnel will continue to conduct ongoing preventative maintenance during routine maintenance of the flare station, including tightening fittings as needed.

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

1. 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 have been trained on the 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.

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