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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 a low point in a vacuum line located in the top deck of grid 173.

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

1. The leak was discovered on January 19, 2026, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A in the top deck of grid 173 leaked from a low point in a vacuum line. 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;

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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 leak, Chiquita personnel clamped the boot back on the well.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears pressure built up in the vacuum line, causing the fernco fitting to come off. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 200 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A in the top deck of grid 173 leaked from the vacuum line.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel promptly deployed a vacuum truck to remove all standing liquid. The affected dirt was also removed, and the mud was solidified with clean dirt. The liquid and affected dirt were then placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and is ongoing.

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

1. Chiquita personnel will continue to conduct preventative maintenance to avoid positive pressure in vacuum lines.

(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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