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

All,

Please see below for the corrected year from 2025 to 2026.

Thank you,
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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 in grid 185 of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with the north perimeter.

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

1. The leak was discovered on January 20, 2026, at approximately 11:33 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with the north perimeter leaked due to a weld failure in grid 185. Liquid from the leak reached the perimeter road but 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, the weld was repaired to stop the liquid from leaking.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a weld connecting the 30-mil and 60-mil geomembrane cover failed. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 7 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the north perimeter leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita pressure washed the geomembrane cover while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and any standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

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

1. Chiquita is in the process of replacing the 30-mil geomembrane cover with the 60-mil EVOH/HDPE geomembrane cover, which is expected to prevent future recurrence of this type of weld failure.

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

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