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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/foam associated with well CV-2350 in grid 240.

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

1. The leak was discovered on January 7, 2026, at approximately 9:27 a.m. Chiquita recognizes this report is being submitted after the applicable reporting timeframe and is continuing to review its internal reporting procedures to help prevent recurrence.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate/foam leaked from well CV-2350 in grid 240. Liquid from the leak remained entirely on the landfill's geomembrane cover. 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, the well valve was reopened to relieve pressure in the well and stop the flow of leachate/foam.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, while well CV-2350's valve was closed as part of the well tuning process, a buildup of pressure displaced the seal of the well's borehole which caused leachate/foam to leak from the open seal. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction and third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from well CV-2350.

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

- To access and clean the area impacted by the leak, Chiquita first had to rebuild the access roads that had been damaged by heavy rain earlier in the month. Chiquita hired a contractor to rebuild the roads. Once the roads were rebuilt, Chiquita pressure washed the geomembrane cover to remove residual material from the leak while applying vacuum to ensure the proper collection of all wash water. Clean up was completed by the morning of January 12, 2026.

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

1. Chiquita immediately discussed this incident with the third-party wellfield inspection team to better understand the incident and well tuning expectations. Leadership from this team will conduct additional training for its technicians.

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

1. A third-party contractor was involved in the root cause of the leak.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

1. Chiquita is not responsible for training third-party contractors; however, Chiquita personnel have discussed the incident with the contractors and 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 spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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