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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 related to well number CV-2428 in grid 178.

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

1. The leak was discovered on February 9, 2026, at approximately 7:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well number CV-2428 in grid 178. 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. Elmer Sandoval

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

1. Upon discovering the leak, power to the related pump was immediately shut off to stop the flow of liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have been caused by a failed valve and gasket. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 3-5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted dirt was promptly removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. The liner was then pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and any standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita will continue to inspect the piping system and implement appropriate corrective action 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 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.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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