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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

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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 spill of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank U13-48 in Grid 236 due to mechanical failure of rental equipment.

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

1. The spill was discovered on February 11, 2026, at approximately 11:25 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank U13-48 spilled onto the liner from a hose connected to a third-party tanker trailer via a rental diesel pump. Liquid from the spill 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 spill, Chiquita personnel shut off the valve, placed spill containment pans, and added absorbent to the impacted area.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that there was a faulty check valve on the rental diesel pump. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 80-100 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank U13-48 spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita removed the soiled absorbent and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Chiquita then collected standing liquid and pressure washed the liner while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and any standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 hours.

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

- Chiquita is replacing the faulty unit with a new rental unit.

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

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this spill.

(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 spill; 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 spill.

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