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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A in Grid 151.

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

1. The leak was discovered on February 12, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked in Grid 151. 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 line was pinched to stop the flow of liquid and absorbent and soil were applied to the impacted area to contain the liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears there were small pinholes in a newly replaced force main from which leachate leaked following placement and pressurization of the force main line. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked.

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

1. In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita removed the soiled absorbent and impacted soil and placed it into a container for proper disposal and then used a vacuum truck to collect pooled leachate. Cleanup was completed within approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed with its contractors the need to thoroughly inspect lines for pinholes or other defects prior to installation.

(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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