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California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Los Angeles Region  
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
ATTN: Information Technology Unit

**Subject: Leachate Spill Report  
Chiquita Canyon Landfill  
File No. 67-020**

Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to be transparent, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) voluntarily provides the following information regarding an incident that occurred on January 7, 2026, at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which up to five (5) gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the #4 LC Manifold spilled from a pipe connecting that point of generation to Tank Farm 7 while the pipe was being jetted. No liquid from the spill entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. The volume of the spill is a conservative estimate based on visual observation by Chiquita and third-party consultant staff. Chiquita maintains appropriate response materials, including fully stocked spill kits, and has trained staff on site to respond to spills and leaks to prevent liquids from entering the stormwater system.

**i. Map - A map showing the location(s) of spillage.**

The spill occurred along the road near #7 Tank Farm – as depicted in Attachment A.

**ii. Flow rate - An estimate of the flow rate.**

The spill had a low flow rate.

**iii. Description - A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses).**

Based on Chiquita’s current knowledge, the spill appears to have occurred while a third-party contractor team was jetting a line connecting the #4 LC Manifold tanks to tanks in Tank Farm 7, when dark liquid began to spill out of the line. It is suspected that there was a clog in the line that led to a small volume of leachate remaining in the pipe even after the pipe was flushed, when no leachate would ordinarily be present. The leachate from the #4 LC Manifold point of generation

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is characteristically non-hazardous. The liquid from the spill was dark brown in color, low viscosity, and traveled as a light, slow trickle.

**iv. Location – Location of sample(s) collected for laboratory analysis, as appropriate.**

No sampling of this spill was conducted.

**v. Corrective measures – approved (or proposed for consideration) by the Regional Board Executive Officer.**

Within minutes of discovery, a team applied absorbent to the roadway and constructed a soil berm below the spill to prevent the leachate from spreading. A water truck then sprayed water onto the road above the location of the spill toward the berm while a vacuum truck removed the liquid from the spill and wash water. Absorbent from the location of the spill was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately upon discovery and was completed within approximately 1.5 hours.

Chiquita will continue to flush lines to remove leachate present prior to jetting to limit the potential for recurrence. Chiquita will also reinforce for all contractors that conduct pipe jetting work that such spills are possible and must be watched for, reported, and contained immediately, and that those contractors should ensure adequate secondary containment prior to beginning such work.

If you should have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (661) 257-3655.

Sincerely,  
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

Matt Breuer  
Region Environmental Manager

Attachments: Attachment A – Map depicting the location of the spill

