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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 approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A in Grid 178.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 23, 2026, at approximately 11:21 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from bolts on the flange of a temperature probe located in Grid 178. No liquid from the leak entered 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;

0. Upon discovering the leak, the impacted soil was promptly collected and absorbent was added to the impacted area.

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

0. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the leak occurred because the bolts on the temperature probe flange had loosened. The bolts were not coated with Teflon, which—while not always required for this equipment—may have contributed to the bolts loosening. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

0. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked in Grid 178.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the impacted soil and absorbent were removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita added Teflon and retightened the corresponding bolts on the temperature probe flange.

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

0. 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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel have 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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