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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 1/4 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a hose near the upper tier of Tank Farm 13, Grid 236.

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

1. The leak was discovered on February 28, 2026, at approximately 5:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked in a loadout pad near the upper tier of Tank Farm 13, Grid 236. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

1. Isidro Lopez

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a gasket was immediately installed on the related hose 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, it appears that a third-party contractor inadvertently did not install a gasket on a 3-inch hose, resulting in the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1/4 cup 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, absorbent was promptly applied to the area affected by the leak. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

1. Chiquita discussed with the relevant third-party contractor situational awareness and proper hose and valve maintenance procedures.

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

1. A third-party contractor was 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. Chiquita does not provide training to its contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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.

- To the best of Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals involved in the root cause of this leak have previously been involved in the root cause of a leak or spill.

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