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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 from a third-party tanker truck of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tanks 78 and 79, manifest number CCL000161-CC, in the lower tier of Tank Farm 13.

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

1. The leak was discovered on March 10, 2026, at approximately 2:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tanks 78 and 79, manifest number CCL000161-CC, leaked from a third-party tanker truck in the lower tier of Tank Farm 13. 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. Kayla Barajas

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

- Upon discovering the leak, absorbent was applied to the affected area and the pressure relief valve associated with the third-party tanker truck was promptly repaired to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a compromised pressure relief valve on a third-party tanker truck caused the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of treated non-hazardous liquid associated with tank numbers 78 and 79, manifest number CCL000161-CC leaked from the third-party tanker truck.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed with the third-party that the truck cannot return to the site until the compromised pressure relief valve is repaired or replaced. Third-party tanker trucks will continue to be inspected prior to leaving the site.

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

- 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 routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with contractors, and 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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