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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank U13-48 onto the liner in grids 235 and 236.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 10, 2026, at approximately 9:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank U13-48 spilled from a bleeder valve connected to the high-density polyethylene (HDPE) hardline onto the liner in grids 235 and 236. Liquid from the spill 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;

- Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel promptly closed the bleeder valve 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, the spill appears to have occurred when a third-party driver inadvertently left open a bleeder valve connected to the HDPE hardline while loading the tanker truck. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was immediately applied to the area affected by the spill and then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. The liner was then pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

- Chiquita does not provide training to contractors; however, Chiquita personnel reminded the third-party to properly close valves, and confirm they are fully closed, prior to loading liquid into trucks.

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

- A third-party contractor was involved in the root cause of this spill.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- 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 spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leak or spill.

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