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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 spill of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a pipe in grid 74.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 6, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m. Chiquita recognizes this report is being submitted after the applicable reporting timeframe and is reviewing and strengthening its internal reporting procedures to help prevent a recurrence.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from a pipe in grid 74. Liquid from the spill did not reach 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, the pipe was immediately pinched to stop the flow of liquid. The soil around the affected area was then bermed to contain the liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, while a third-party contractor was removing surface material from the north slope in preparation for further work, the contractor's loader struck and damaged the pipe, causing liquid to spill from the pipe. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 55 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1.5 hours.

(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 slope-stripping procedures to prevent damage to equipment.

(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 spill.

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

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