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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 non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number LCM-10 onto the liner in Tank Farm 7, Grid 247.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 13, 2026, at approximately 1:20 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number LCM-10 spilled onto the liner in Tank Farm 7, Grid 247. 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;

1. Bryan Martinez

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the feed valve to the related tank was immediately shut off, and the liquid was redirected to the next available empty tank.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that while leachate was being loaded into LCM-10, the tank reached capacity sooner than expected, causing leachate to spill onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 200 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the liner was promptly pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and standing liquid. 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 has enhanced its existing oversight practices at the tank farm to more clearly document and assign employee responsibilities, support consistent operational awareness, and help prevent recurrence.

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

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training 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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