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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 characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A in Grid 173.

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

1. The leak was discovered on March 18, 2026, at approximately 2:50 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from a fuse on the vacuum bin line in Grid 173. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Fabian Chavez

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

1. Upon discovering the leak, absorbent was immediately applied to the affected area and the vacuum bin line was taken out of service.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears the leak occurred because a fuse on the vacuum bin line failed. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked in Grid 173.

(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 1.5 hours.

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

- Chiquita will continue to perform inspections of connections and lines, including vacuum bin lines.

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

1. 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 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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