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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 non-hazardous liquid associated with Group C from a forcemain in the vicinity of well CV-2011 in Grid 37.

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

1. The leak was discovered on March 20, 2026, at approximately 7:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous liquid associated with Group C leaked from an out-of-service forcemain in the vicinity of well CV-2011 in Grid 37. 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;

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

1. Upon discovering the leak, the line was immediately pinched 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, it appears that a compromised fuse on the end cap of an out-of-service forcemain caused the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 5 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous liquid leaked from the forcemain.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent and soil were applied to the affected area. The soiled absorbent and soil were removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 35 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will continue to perform inspections of piping and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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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