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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 approximately 0.25 cups of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A when removing a pump from sump RAM P02 in Grid 177.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 20, 2026, at approximately 11:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled when removing a pump from sump RAM P02 located in Grid 177. 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. Adrian Avendano.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the impacted soil was immediately removed and placed into a container for proper disposal.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that during the removal of the pump from sump RAM P02, leachate dripped from the pump as it was being transferred to a bucket for containment. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.25 cups of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled.

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

- As stated above, the impacted soil was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will re-train relevant personnel on best practices for pump removal and the use of secondary containment to help prevent similar spills.

(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 this spill had previously received training on applicable operational procedures 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.

- To 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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