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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 liquid associated with Group A from a pipe located near CV-24023 in Grid 185.

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

1. The leak was discovered on March 24, 2026, at approximately 2:11 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from a pipe located near CV-24023 in Grid 185. Liquid from the leak 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 leak, a berm was created with sandbags to prevent further spreading of the liquid. In addition, a drip pan with absorbent was placed under the source of the leak.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have been caused by a missing gasket on the cleanout pipe. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 8 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the fittings were tightened and a gasket was installed on the cleanout pipe. The affected area of the geosynthetic cover was pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure collection of all wash water and standing liquid. Cleanup was completed within approximately 1.5 hours.

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

- Personnel will continue to inspect pipe fittings and gaskets before performing related work, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

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

- 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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