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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 at the scale house of approximately 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with a third-party tanker truck.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 25, 2026, at approximately 10:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Leachate spilled from a third-party tanker truck at the scale house. 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. William Thayer.

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

- No liquid was actively flowing when the spill was discovered. Absorbent was promptly applied to the affected area.

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

1. Chiquita has been unable to definitively determine the cause of this spill; however, Chiquita believes a third-party driver inadvertently left a scrubber valve on the tanker truck open, causing liquid to spill. Only trucks carrying characteristically non-hazardous leachate were known to be in the area during the applicable time frame. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

1. Chiquita will remind third-party drivers of situational awareness and ensuring valves are closed prior to beginning work.

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

1. A third-party driver was 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

1. Chiquita does not provide training to its contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and Chiquita personnel have been trained 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of leachate spills or leaks.

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