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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 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers U13-36, U13-37, and U13-38 in grid 235.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 26, 2026, at approximately 1:11 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers U13-36, U13-37, and U13-38 spilled from a pipe in grid 235. Liquid from the spill did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Bryan Martinez.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately closed the valve 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 the valve on the tank was opened before the camlock fitting connection was fully secured, resulting in a spill of leachate from the associated piping. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was promptly applied to the area affected by the spill. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will use best efforts to reinforce clear communication among personnel and ensure connections are secured and checked prior to opening valves.

(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 the spill had previously received training 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.

- To the best of Chiquita's knowledge, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of one other leachate leak or spill.

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