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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 from a pipe located in the eastside of the boneyard.

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

1. The spill was discovered on March 30, 2026, at approximately 8:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a pipe in the eastside of the boneyard. 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. Mathieux Wyatt.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the pipe 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, the spill appears to have occurred when a third-party contractor cut a pipe without properly suspending it, causing residual liquid in the pipe to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party 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, the affected dirt was promptly removed and absorbent was applied to the area affected by the spill. The dirt and soiled absorbent were then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will remind third-party contractors to properly suspend and support piping prior to beginning work to prevent spills outside containment trays.

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

- A third-party contractor 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

- 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.

- To the best of Chiquita's knowledge, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has not previously been involved in the root cause of leachate leaks or spills.

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