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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 a few drops of characteristically non-hazardous leachate from an external sight tube level indicator associated with LCM 1 near the main office.

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

1. The leak was discovered on April 8, 2026, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from a sight tube associated with LCM 1 near the main office. 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;

- No liquid was actively flowing upon discovering the leak. Personnel wiped the tank with a rag to remove residual dried material.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that unexpected back pressure in the related line caused a few drops of the leachate to leak from the sight tube onto the tank. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that a few drops of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- As discussed above, personnel wiped the tank with a rag to remove residual dried material. No leachate reached the ground. 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 plans to install a fitting plug on the sight tube to provide a more secure seal and to help manage unexpected pressure in the sight tube to reduce the likelihood of future leaks.

(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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