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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 characteristically hazardous liquid near tank numbers U13-12 and U13-13 in Tank Farm 13 in Grid 234.

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

1. The spill was discovered on April 20, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid spilled from an 8-inch header pipe located in Tank Farm 13, in Grid 234, near tank numbers U13-12 and U13-13. 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. Third-party contractor (Continuum) crew in Tank Farm 13.

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

1. When the spill began, spill trays and absorbent were already in place in the affected area. In addition, the end of the pipe was elevated.

(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 spill occurred while a guzzler crew was vacuuming and cleaning out header pipes. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 gallons of characteristically hazardous liquid spilled in Tank Farm 13 in Grid 234.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. As a result of the contractor's proactive use of containment measures that captured the spill, the cleanup was completed immediately.

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

- Chiquita will use best efforts to ensure that, going forward, future vacuum truck header cleaning begins with the tank farthest from the vacuum truck and that only one valve is opened at a time.

(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 individuals involved in the root cause of this spill had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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