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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 leachate associated with Group A in grid 172.

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

1. The spill was discovered on April 21, 2026, at approximately 8:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled. 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. John Boeman.

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

1. Upon discovery of the spill, the source was shut off, the corresponding line was isolated, and the spill was contained.

(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 plastic tray, holding the leachate, broke and failed during routine maintenance. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected dirt was moved into another spill tray 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 continue to inspect equipment and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(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 third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with 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 had previously been involved in the root cause of five other leachate leaks or spills.

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