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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 Group A from an 18-inch HDPE vacuum line related to sump 4 located in grids 156 and 177.

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

1. The spill was discovered on April 22, 2026, at approximately 9:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from an 18-inch HDPE vacuum line related to sump 4 in grids 156 and 177. 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;

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the vacuum line was plugged with a ball valve to stop the flow of liquid. A drip pan was also used to contain the remaining 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 inadvertently drilled into a 18-inch HDPE vacuum line that contained liquid. 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 associated with Group A 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 was completed within approximately 15 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will use best efforts to verify lines are empty prior to drilling and beginning work.

(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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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