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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 tank numbers U13-32 to U13-38 in Tank Farm 13 located in Grid 236.

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

1. The spill was discovered on May 4, 2026, at approximately 12:10 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with tank numbers U13-32 to U13-38 spilled from a 3-inch valve located in Grid 236. No leachate from the spill entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

1. Blue Velez.

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

1. Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel immediately turned off the pump, closed the valve on the truck, and reconnected the hose to stop the flow of leachate.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that vibration and increased pressure in the line affected the valve and/or fitting, causing leachate to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 35 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled in Grid 236.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent was applied to the area affected by the spill. The soiled absorbent was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita replaced the fitting and installed clamps and straps on the fitting to help prevent recurrence. Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

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

- No individuals were 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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this spill; however, 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.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this spill.

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