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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 partially treated characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, East Perimeter, and North Perimeter in upper Tank Farm 13 located in Grid 252.

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

1. The leak was discovered on May 6, 2026, at approximately 1:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Partially treated characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, East Perimeter, and North Perimeter leaked from a treatment vessel in upper Tank Farm 13 in Grid 252. No leachate from the leak entered 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;

1. Upon discovering the leak, the treatment vessel was shut off and a vacuum truck was used to remove the leachate from the vessel on both the inlet and discharge sides. In addition, absorbent was applied to the affected area.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have been caused by a corroded plug associated with the treatment vessel. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 50 gallons of partially treated characteristically hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the standing leachate within the west side treatment and containment area was vacuumed. The soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita conducted an initial inspection of all inlet pipe plugs and confirmed that they were in good condition. Chiquita will continue to inspect the inlet pipe plugs on an ongoing basis and will replace any plugs that show signs of corrosion.

(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 routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors, and 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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