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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

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 0.25 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from a forcemain associated with well CV-24155 located in Grid 154.

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

1. The spill was discovered on May 19, 2026, at approximately 10:16 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from the forcemain associated with well CV-24155. 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. Tom Roe

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

- Leachate was not actively spilling at the time of discovery. Chiquita personnel used absorbent wipes to perform an initial cleanup of the geomembrane cover and requested that a cleanup crew be dispatched to the area for additional cleanup.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill likely occurred while a third-party contractor was performing work on the forcemain associated with well CV-24155. Chiquita personnel discovered the spill while performing a routine inspection of the geomembrane cover. Because Chiquita did not observe the contractor's activities at the time of the spill, it is unable to provide additional details regarding the precise root cause of this spill. Based on the information currently available, Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.25 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled onto the geomembrane cover.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected area of the geomembrane cover was pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the proper collection of all wash water. The initial clean-up of the liner was completed within three hours on May 19, 2026, and the pressure washing was completed by 10:00 a.m. on May 20, 2026.

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

- Chiquita will remind its third-party contractors of the expectations around reporting spills and leaks. Chiquita will also continue to perform inspections and implement appropriate corrective actions, as needed.

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

- To the best of Chiquita's current knowledge, based on who was performing work in the area that day, a third-party contractor was likely 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 third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and-leak prevention and reporting 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.

- Based on the nature of this spill, Chiquita has been unable to identify the specific third-party contractor involved in this spill or determine whether such contractor has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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