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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak 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 leak of 2-3 drops of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A onto the liner in the top deck in Grid 178.

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

1. The leak was discovered on May 21, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked onto the liner in the top deck in Grid 178. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Brandon Ascencio.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, personnel immediately wiped the liner with an absorbent rag to remove the liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak occurred during routine maintenance of a sump while personnel were proactively using a drip pan to capture the liquid in accordance with best management practices. Windy conditions caused a small amount of the liquid to bypass the drip pan and reach the liner. The leak was limited to a few drops and was not caused by any failure to implement appropriate containment measures. Chiquita attributes this leak to environmental conditions present during the maintenance activity.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2-3 drops of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked onto the liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled rag was promptly placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 1 minute.

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

- Chiquita will continue to implement best management practices when performing routine maintenance activities.

(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 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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