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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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with the LCM tanks in Tank Farm 7 from a pipe connected to an air release valve (ARV) located in Grid 246.

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

1. The leak was discovered on May 22, 2026, at approximately 10:23 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked from a pipe connected to an ARV located in Grid 246. Liquid from the leak did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

1. Nancy Bahena-Hernandez.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, a tray containing absorbent was placed beneath the leaking pipe.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears there was a pinhole in the pipe from the ARV, causing the leachate to leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected soil and soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. The affected area of the liner was then pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the proper collection of all wash water. Cleanup was completed within approximately 30–45 minutes.

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

- Chiquita replaced the section of pipe with the pinhole. Additionally, Chiquita will continue to perform inspections, conduct pressure testing, 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 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 the leak.

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