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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 treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number L13-06 on liner in Lower Tank Farm 13, near Grid 253.

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

1. The spill was discovered on May 22, 2026, at approximately 11:45 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with tank number L13-06 spilled on liner in Lower Tank Farm 13, near Grid 253. 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. Jose Vargas Jr.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the valve was immediately closed to stop the flow of liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the line was disconnected before it was fully drained, causing residual liquid in the line to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 4 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate spilled onto the tank farm liner.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the line was vacuumed out and a spill tray with absorbent was placed under the line as a precaution. Cleanup was completed within approximately one hour.

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

- Chiquita reminded contractors responsible for draining lines to verify that the lines have been fully drained before beginning work. This reminder included confirming that residual liquids have been removed or otherwise controlled and that appropriate precautions are in place to minimize the potential for leaks or spills during project activities.

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

- A third-party contractor was 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.

- To the best of Chiquita's knowledge, the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of two leachate leak(s) or spill(s).

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