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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 approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with well number CV-24068 in Grids 167–168.

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

1. The leak was discovered on May 27, 2026, at approximately 9:24 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from a threaded pump connection associated with well number CV-24068 in Grids 167–168. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- John Beaman.

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

- The leak was not ongoing at the time it was discovered. Upon discovering the leak, absorbent was placed on the affected area.

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

1. Based on Chiquita’s current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a combination of mechanical factors, including loose threads at the pump connection and an issue with pump activation. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked onto the lined area.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

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

- The loose threads at the pump connection were tightened. In addition, Chiquita will continue to inspect equipment, perform maintenance, 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 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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