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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 characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group B onto the west perimeter road in Grid 227.

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

- The spill was discovered on May 28, 2026, at approximately 12:01 p.m.

**(2) area designation inspected;**

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group B spilled from a 24-inch pipe onto the west perimeter road in Grid 227. Leachate from the spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Anthony Braz.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, third-party contractor personnel promptly placed absorbent onto the affected area and constructed a temporary dirt berm around the affected area to contain the liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita’s current knowledge, the spill occurred during third-party contractor work on a 24-inch pipe. Although the contractor personnel isolated available valves and drained the line before cutting, residual leachate remained in the 24-inch pipe and was unexpectedly released approximately 15 minutes after a test cut was made, spilling onto the west perimeter road. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 10 to 15 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, absorbent material was promptly applied to the affected area, and a temporary dirt berm was constructed to contain the leachate and prevent migration. The material was then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately two hours.

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

- Chiquita reminded the third-party contractor personnel of appropriate best practices for pipe-cutting activities, including verifying, before cutting, that pipes have been isolated and fully drained and that all reasonably accessible residual liquid has been removed. Contractor personnel were also reminded to maintain vacuum support during the cutting activities, as appropriate.

**(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 third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with 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.**

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the individual(s) involved in the root cause of this spill have previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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