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**Subject:** Re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))

All,

After continued investigation, Chiquita hereby revises and resubmits the following Condition 27(e) report, which was previously submitted on May 29, 2026.

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 an anticipated and actively managed pressurized leachate release (PLR) involving characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter, well number CV-114, in Grid 145.

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

- The PLR occurred on May 27, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- The PLR involved characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter from well number CV-114 in Grid 145. Liquid from the PLR remained in the containment and did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Chris Fear

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

- Because the potential for a PLR was foreseeable during the well work, Chiquita personnel proactively implemented preventative measures before commencing the work to minimize the likelihood and potential extent of a PLR. Chiquita personnel also placed containment measures at the well site before commencing the work. After the PLR occurred, Chiquita personnel promptly inserted a vacuum hose into the well casing to contain and remove the accumulated liquid.

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

- There is no attributable error for this event. The potential for a PLR was anticipated and was being actively managed.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that well CV-114 released approximately 2 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the North Perimeter during the PLR.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the wellhead was removed, replaced, bolted, and fully sealed by Chiquita personnel. 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;

- Chiquita personnel replaced the wellhead and secured it by bolting and fully sealing the wellhead, which will prevent future releases.

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

- Chiquita personnel were involved in the well work associated with this PLR; however, the PLR resulted from conditions associated with the wellhead rather than from personnel error.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the event had previously received training on applicable operational procedures to help prevent leaks and spills and to minimize both the likelihood and potential extent of a PLR. The occurrence of a PLR that was anticipated as a potential outcome of the work does not, by itself, indicate a failure to exercise reasonable care, particularly where preventative and containment measures were implemented in advance to minimize the risk and extent of the release.

(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.

- As noted above, although Chiquita personnel were involved in the well work associated with this PLR, the PLR resulted from conditions associated with the wellhead rather than from personnel error.

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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 hazardous leachate associated with Group A, well number CV-114, in Grid 145.

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

- The leak was discovered on May 27, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from a wellhead associated with well number CV-114 in Grid 145. 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;

- Nancy Rodriguez

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

- Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel inserted a vacuum hose into the well casing to remove the accumulated liquid and contain the leak.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the leak was caused by a failed wellhead, which allowed liquid to escape from the well casing, resulting in the observed leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that up to 2 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the wellhead was removed, replaced, bolted, and fully sealed by Chiquita personnel. 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;

- Chiquita replaced the wellhead and secured it by bolting and fully sealing the connection to prevent future leaks. 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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