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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill: Report of Leachate Leak Under 1 Gallon

All,

Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) has received DTSC's June 9, 2026 email requesting that Chiquita continue to provide DTSC with reports of leaks and spills regardless of volume and regardless of whether the leachate at issue is hazardous. Chiquita understands that DTSC is requesting these reports notwithstanding South Coast AQMD's recent changes to the SOFA to require notifications only for leaks and spills exceeding one gallon. Chiquita respectfully requests that DTSC identify the statutory and/or regulatory basis for this directive.

Pending further evaluation of DTSC's authority to require notification of de minimis spills or leaks, Chiquita nevertheless provides the following courtesy notification regarding a June 16, 2026 leak of approximately 0.5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate from well number CV-24046 onto lined area in Grid 157.

Chiquita provides this and similar notifications without waiving any arguments, rights, or defenses, and expressly reserves all rights to challenge DTSC's directive.

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

- The leak was discovered on June 16, 2026, at approximately 11:30 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from a valve associated with well number CV-24046 onto liner in Grid 157. 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;

- Anthony Braz.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the valve was tightened to stop the flow of liquid, and absorbent was promptly applied to the affected lined area.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from a combination of mechanical conditions involving the forcemain riser connected to well CV-24046. A valve appears to have been partially open, and a 1/2-inch plug was not fully threaded into place. No work was being performed at the location when the leak was discovered. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons 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. The liner was then cleaned with cleaning solution. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 2 hours.

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

- Chiquita personnel confirmed that the fitting and valves were properly closed and tight. In addition, a lock will be installed on the valve handle to prevent accidental opening. 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 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 this leak.

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