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**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Pressurized Leachate Release (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 an anticipated and actively managed pressurized leachate release (PLR) involving characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2558 located in Grid 148.

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

- The PLR occurred on June 24, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- The PLR involved characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well number CV-2558 located in Grid 148. 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;

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(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 a liner and containment measures at the well site before commencing work. After the PLR occurred, personnel promptly inserted a vacuum hose into the well casing to remove the accumulated liquid and contain the flow of leachate.

(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-2558 released approximately 50 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A during the PLR.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the liner was pressure washed while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and then 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;

- In addition to the measures discussed above, Chiquita personnel raised the well and installed a gasket to minimize the potential for future leaking or pressurized conditions.

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

- Chiquita and third-party personnel were involved in the well work associated with this PLR; however, the PLR resulted from conditions associated with the wellhead.

(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. In addition, Chiquita reviews spill- and-leak prevention practices with its contractors. 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 and third-party personnel were involved in the well work associated with this PLR, the PLR resulted from conditions associated with the wellhead.

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