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Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2026 2:17 PM
To: McGuire, Christopher@DTSC; Zmily, Zanalée@DTSC
Cc: Matt Breuer; Eric Morofuji
Subject: Re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))

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 spill of approximately one-half cup of characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM-13 and manifest number CCLC07767-M from a hose in Tank Farm 7 in Grid 240.

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 spill was discovered on June 29, 2026, at approximately 2:18 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with LCM-13 and manifest number CCLC07767-M spilled from a hose in Tank Farm 7 in Grid 240. Liquid 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;

- Kayla Baratas.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the hose was promptly capped to stop the release of leachate.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that a third-party tanker truck driver did not properly cap the hose after use, causing leachate to spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party driver error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately one-half cup of characteristically non-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. The soiled absorbent and affected material were then removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the third-party driver and the importance of capping the hose. Chiquita will continue to review spill- and leak-prevention practices with third-party drivers, and will implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

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

- A third-party driver 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 understands that the third-party driver had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills. Chiquita does not provide training to third-party drivers; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with third-party drivers, 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.

- To the best of Chiquita's knowledge, no individuals 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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