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Cc: Sarah Phillips; Eric Morofuji
Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill: Report of Leachate Spill 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 spill of approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well CV-24013 in Grid 185.

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 30, 2026, at approximately 8:50 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from well CV-24013 in Grid 185. 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;

- Tom Roe.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita determined that the spill was not ongoing and no liquid was actively spilling from CV-24013. Because there was no active flow of liquid to stop, Chiquita proceeded with cleanup as described below.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that, during servicing of CV-24013, the pneumatic hose was disconnected, causing residual liquid to be released from the connection point. Chiquita attributes this spill to Chiquita personnel error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 cup of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled.

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

- To complete cleanup, absorbent material was 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 30 minutes.

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

- Chiquita reinforced the requirement for adequate secondary containment during servicing and reminded personnel that all leaks and spills must be reported immediately.

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

- Chiquita personnel were 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

- The Chiquita personnel involved in the spill had previously received training on applicable operational procedures to help prevent 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, the Chiquita personnel involved in the root cause of this spill have not previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

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