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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill - Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (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 a leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from well CV-2314 located in Grid 154.

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

1. The leak was discovered on July 25, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from well CV-2314 located in Grid 154. 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;

1. Saul Sandoval.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the well pump was promptly turned off and a sandbag berm was placed in the affected area to contain the liquid.

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

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the well became pressurized within the well casing, causing the liquid to leak.

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

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 300 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked from the well.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, personnel promptly replaced the valve with a block-off plate. The affected area was pressure washed, and a vacuum truck removed the remaining leachate for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 5 hours.

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

- As a preventative measure, Chiquita inspected all wells connected to the force main along CV-2314 and upgraded the wellhead configuration by installing, bolting, and fully sealing the wellhead with a knife gate valve. This enhanced configuration will provide a more secure mechanical barrier at this location and allows the wellhead to be promptly and safely isolated in a controlled manner, if needed, thereby further reducing the potential for a future release.

(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 the leak.

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