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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill 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 spill of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter from a dewatering bin in Grid 15.

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

- The spill was discovered on July 28, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter spilled from a dewatering bin in Grid 15. 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;

- Daniel Gonzales.

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

- Upon discovering the spill, the dewatering bin was promptly returned to a neutral, upright position to stop the flow of liquid.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the spill occurred while the dewatering bin was being moved under conditions that allowed its contents to shift and a small quantity of leachate to spill over the edge of the bin. Chiquita attributes this spill to operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from the dewatering bin.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, affected soil was promptly removed and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 20 minutes.

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

- Chiquita promptly retrained the personnel involved and reinforced applicable procedures for safely filling and moving dewatering bins, including the need to maintain the contents below the rear lip or edge of each bin before movement to reduce the potential for leachate to shift or spill during handling.

(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.

- The Chiquita personnel member involved in the root cause of this spill had previously been involved in the root cause of two leachate leaks or spills.

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