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Subject: Re: Case No. 6177-4 Stipulated Order for Abatement Condition 27(c)

Christopher,

Thank you for reaching out with questions regarding the August 23, 2026 seepage observed in Grid 207. Please see Chiquita's responses below.

1. Was the liquid hazardous or non-hazardous?

Because the liquid originated from the west toe area, Chiquita conservatively assumes that it consists of characteristically hazardous leachate.

2. Was the pooled liquid vacuumed before soil was added?

Yes. Any standing liquid was vacuumed before soil was added to the area.

3. How was the saturated soil managed?

The saturated soil remained in place. After the standing liquid was vacuumed, additional soil fill was added to the area as part of the ongoing west toe project.

4. What caused the seep/pooling on August 23, 2026?

As part of the west toe project, the existing seep-collection sump at this location was removed and replaced with a larger drainage feature and new sumps. The appearance of seepage in this area continued until it was routed into the new seep-collection feature. The observed seepage occurred in connection with that transition.

5. Is the sump pump operating as intended?

Yes. The sump pump is operating as intended.

6. What is meant by "compacting and placing fill material"?

This refers to the placement and compaction of fill material to construct the upper buttress within the lined area above the new liquid-collector. Seepage will be directed to the new leachate collector and the compacted soil will prevent liquids from bypassing the drainage system.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Good Afternoon, Sarah,

We have a few questions regarding the August 23, 2026 seep/pooling (Grid 207) reported in the Weekly Leachate Inspection Report. Please respond to the following by COB August 28, 2026.

1. Please confirm whether the liquid associated with the seep/pooling was hazardous or non-hazardous.
2. The report states the actions taken to contain the seep/pooling were "Soil added to existing berm to contain leachate, and soil added to cover pooling."
 1. Was the pooled liquid vacuumed prior to the addition of soil?
 2. How was the saturated soil managed?
3. What was the cause of the seep/pooling on August 23, 2026?
4. The report states, "Chiquita completed the installation of a sump pump in the area on August 11, 2026, and is currently compacting and placing fill material."
 1. Is the sump pump operating as intended?
 2. Please elaborate on what is meant by "compacting and placing fill material."

Best Regards,



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All,

Attached is the weekly report on the leachate inspection logs.

Regards,

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