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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))

All,

Consistent with reports provided under 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 approximately 0.5 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter from an HDPE pipe related to tank number SW-01 located in Grid 247, Tank Farm 7. Note that this was not the same HDPE pipe associated with the leak discovered on October 5, 2025, at approximately 6:45 p.m.

This report is not compelled by Condition 27(e), as the leak is estimated at less than 1 gallon. Chiquita nevertheless provides this courtesy report in the interest of transparency and given ongoing reporting requests from other regulators.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 4, 2026, at approximately 9:10 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter leaked from an HDPE pipe related to tank number SW-01 in Grid 247, Tank Farm 7. Liquid from the leak did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

- Roman Schlichting.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the related pump was immediately shut off to stop the flow of liquid. Absorbent was then applied to the affected area.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have occurred when a third-party contractor inadvertently used a compromised HDPE pipe during work, allowing liquid to leak from the pipe. Chiquita attributes this leak to third-party operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 0.5 gallons of treated non-hazardous leachate associated with Groups A and B, the North Perimeter, and the East Perimeter leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was placed into a container for proper disposal. The compromised HDPE pipe was also cleared of any residual liquid to prevent further leaks and replaced by the third-party contractor. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

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

- Chiquita discussed the event with the responsible third-party contractor and communicated the need for the contractor to inspect piping and verify that it is suitable for its intended use before placing it into service.

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

- A third-party contractor was 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to third-party contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with contractors. 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

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