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Condition 68 of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4 requires Chiquita Canyon, LLC to install pressure gauges on each leachate tank by June 15, 2024. For the reasons described in more detail below, Chiquita seeks an extension of this installation deadline to 10 days after Chiquita receives the gauges onsite. In the meantime, Chiquita will keep AQMD updated on our outreach to the vendor and any additional delays.

Chiquita submitted the order for the specialty gauges needed for compliance with this condition on May 6, 2024. Prior to this date, Chiquita was trying to seek clarification from AQMD on where and how it should install these gauges, as well as on the specifications of the gauges themselves, in order to comply with this condition. Chiquita placed this order as soon as it had clarity on the equipment and installation requirements for Condition 68.

When Chiquita submitted the order, rush or expedited delivery was not available. The manufacturer originally quoted a delivery date of approximately 4 weeks. Based on this quote, Chiquita expected to receive the gauges around June 3, 2024. Had Chiquita received the gauges by the expected delivery date of June 3, 2024, it would have completed the installation by the June 15, 2024 deadline. However, late last Friday, on June 7, 2024, the manufacturer informed Chiquita that the gauges will not arrive onsite until approximately June 24, 2024, past the June 15 installation deadline. According to the manufacturer, this delay is due to a longer-than-usual lead time on the products due to parts shortages and heavy demand.

As soon as Chiquita receives the gauges onsite, Chiquita plans to engage at least 4 to 6 mechanics to install them on the tanks and plans to install them without first emptying the tanks as was originally planned. Recent liquids testing has shown that the tank contents are not ignitable, something that had been a concern when the original installation plan was proposed, so Chiquita is no longer concerned with emptying the tanks prior to installing the pressure gauges. This will allow Chiquita to install the gauges within approximately 10 days. Chiquita therefore requests an extension to 10 days after Chiquita receives the gauges onsite.

Thank you,

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