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### **Unlawful Disposal Notification Pursuant to California Health & Safety Code Section 25180.5 Disclosure Requirement**

Date: March 1, 2024

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Property Name Where Alleged Disposal Occurred: Radford Alexander Corp. DBA  
Avalon (Avalon)

Property Owner: Lathan Family Trust

Property Address: 14700 S. Avalon Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90248

This notification by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is made pursuant to California Health and Safety Code section 25180.5.

DTSC has issued a Summary of Violations (SOV) to Chiquita Canyon, LLC. located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic, CA 91384 (EPA ID Number CAL000347030) (see Attachment 1), that alleges multiple violations of the California Health and Safety Code (HSC) and California hazardous waste regulations including an alleged violation of HSC section 25189.2(c). HSC section 25189.2(c) states:

“A person who disposes, or causes the disposal of, a hazardous or extremely hazardous waste at a point that is not authorized according to the provisions of this chapter is liable for a civil penalty of not more than seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for each violation and may be ordered to disclose the fact of this violation or these violations to those persons as the court or, in the case of an administrative action, a hearing officer, may direct. Each day on which the deposit remains is a separate additional violation, unless the person immediately files a report of the deposit with the department and is complying with an order concerning the deposit issued by the department, a hearing officer, or a court of competent jurisdiction for the cleanup.”

DTSC has alleged that on or about December 27, 2023, Chiquita Canyon, LLC. disposed and/or caused the disposal of 4,600 gallons of hazardous waste leachate by sending this leachate to Avalon at 14700 S. Avalon Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90248 on non-hazardous waste manifest #NH004695. Avalon is not permitted by DTSC as a treatment, storage, and disposal facility for hazardous waste. As discussed in the Summary of Violations, the leachate sampled from the truck was in exceedance for benzene, reporting 0.538 mg/L. This is above the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) regulatory limit for benzene of 0.5 mg/L (see Attachments 2 and 3 for sample analyses).

DTSC currently does not have evidence of a spill or other release of hazardous waste from this shipment of hazardous waste leachate. DTSC currently does not have evidence that the hazardous waste leachate from this shipment poses a continuing threat to health and safety or the environment on a going-forward basis.

If you have any questions, please call me at (916) 926-9065 between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday, or I can be reached by e-mail at [Zanalee.Zmily@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Zanalee.Zmily@dtsc.ca.gov).

Signed: *Zanalee Zmily*

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Enclosures:

1. Attachment 1 – Department of Toxic Substances Control Summary of Violations issued to Chiquita Canyon on February 15, 2024
2. Attachment 2 – Enviro-Chem, Inc. Test Results
3. Attachment 3 – Eurofins Environment Testing Analytical Report

cc: (via email)

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