



August 11, 2025

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, California 90013
ATTN: Information Technology Unit

**Subject: Leachate Spill Report
Chiquita Canyon Landfill
File No. 67-020**

Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to be transparent, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) voluntarily provides the following information regarding an incident that occurred on August 4, 2025 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which no more than sixteen (16) gallons of leachate from group B (collected from tanks 20 and 21 located in Tank Farm 7) spilled outside of the landfill’s footprint. The spill did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. The volume of the spill is a conservative estimate based on visual observation by Chiquita staff. Chiquita has appropriate spill response materials, including fully stocked spill kits, and trained staff on site to respond to spills and to prevent seeps from entering the stormwater system.

i. Map - A map showing the location(s) of spillage.

The spill occurred near the exit scale of the scale house, as indicated in Attachment A.

ii. Flow rate - An estimate of the flow rate.

The spill had a low flow rate.

iii. Description - A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses).

On August 4, 2025, at approximately 12:20 p.m., to the best of Chiquita’s knowledge, it appears that after completing their filling, a third-party truck driver did not fully secure the top hatch of their trailer, thereby allowing leachate to spill from the hatch when the truck descended toward the outbound scale. The spill was the fault of the driver and did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. The manifest number associated with the release is 020750486FLE. The liquid was dark brown in color with low viscosity, and traveled as a light trickle.

iv. Location – Location of sample(s) collected for laboratory analysis, as appropriate.

No sampling of this spill was conducted.

v. Corrective measures – approved (or proposed for consideration) by the Regional Board Executive Officer.

Chiquita personnel took prompt action to address the spill by applying absorbent to the affected area, which was later removed and disposed accordingly. Cleanup was completed on the same day and took approximately one hour to complete. To prevent similar spills in the future, Chiquita personnel will verify that the top hatches of third-party haul trucks are closed before trucks are allowed to leave the tank farm.

If you should have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (661) 257-3655.

Sincerely,
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

Nicole Ward
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Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Attachments: Attachment A – Map depicting the location of the spill

