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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – July 2025
DTSC Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order
In the Matter of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Docket No. HSA-FY24/25-082

Dear Mr. Ziarkowski and Mr. Ruttan:

Per the Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order issued by the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) on April 2, 2025 (the Order), Chiquita submits this Monthly Summary Report for July 2025. Chiquita provides the following information in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.

(a) Specific actions taken by or on behalf of Respondents during the previous calendar month:

Chiquita submitted the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Protect Cell 8A from Intrusion of Elevated Temperature Landfill Event on July 1, 2025. In July, Chiquita continued lining and placing frac tanks into Cell 8B of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill) for the interim relocation of Tank Farm 9. Chiquita also continued to work on obtaining permits for the interim relocation of Tank Farm 9 to Cell 8B. In addition, on July 21, 2025, D&E deployed two 22.5 ft x 150 ft panels (6,750 square feet) of the DTSC-approved ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH) 60-mil geomembrane on the top deck of the Landfill. In addition, Chiquita drilled vertical gas wells in the areas where the geomembrane (EVOH) cover will be placed and continued prepping the subgrade in these areas for the geomembrane cover.

Chiquita also performed the following activities during the month of July, in furtherance of the removal actions under section 5.1.2 of the Order:

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- Chiquita and DTSC continued to hold weekly technical status meetings, which were held on July 2, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025.
- Chiquita continued discussions with ViaFlex (the manufacturer of the EVOH material) regarding the status of ViaFlex's production of the EVOH material and expediting delivery of additional rolls of the material.
- On July 3, 2025, Chiquita submitted a follow up notification to DTSC pursuant to section 5.9 of the Order regarding the Jasper Fire, which necessitated evacuation of personnel from the Landfill during the afternoon of June 26, 2025, and caused a related power outage.
- On July 21, 2025, Chiquita submitted a proposed data delivery schedule to DTSC pursuant to section 6.11 of the Order in response to DTSC's July 14, 2025 data request.
- On July 29, 2025, Chiquita received and began responding to comments received from DTSC and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on the draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste.

Additionally, on July 15, 2025, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for June 2025 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.

(b) Actions expected to be undertaken during the current calendar month:

Chiquita expects to finish installing the liner in Cell 8B for the interim relocation of Tank Farm 9 and will continue placing frac tanks into the new tank farm, now known as Tank Farm 13. Chiquita will also continue to work on obtaining permits for the interim relocation of Tank Farm 9 to Cell 8B. Chiquita will also continue to deploy additional panels of the EVOH geomembrane cover, and, in preparation for the deployment of additional EVOH geomembrane cover, Chiquita will continue drilling vertical gas extraction wells and preparing the subgrade for the cover's placement. In addition, Chiquita expects to continue to participate in weekly technical status meetings with DTSC.

Chiquita will also continue working diligently to address and respond to DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments on the draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste, as well as to the comments received from several agencies on the draft RAW for the Extension of the Covered Area, including comments received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on July 24, 2025, from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Solid Waste Management Program, acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) on August 1, 2025, and from DTSC and CalRecycle on August 4, 2025.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of September, Chiquita expects to finish the placement of all tanks in Cell 8B for the new Tank Farm 13. Chiquita also expects to begin to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. Chiquita also expects to continue to deploy additional panels of the EVOH geomembrane cover and to prepare other areas on the top deck for the placement of the additional geomembrane cover. Chiquita also plans to submit the revised draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste together with responses to DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments. Pursuant to section 6.3 of the Order, Chiquita also expects to submit a monthly summary report for August 2025.

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(d) Any requirements under this Order that were not completed:

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for July.

(e) Any problems or anticipated problems in complying with this Order:

Chiquita indicated in the last monthly report that it did not anticipate any problems with completing the work described in the draft RAW for Extension of Covered Area in accordance with the schedule set forth in section 3.2 of that draft RAW. Since Chiquita's submittal of the last monthly report, Chiquita has submitted an updated, estimated schedule for the completion of the 15 acres of geomembrane deployment, based in part on additional information received from ViaFlex.

On June 26, 2025, Chiquita received three Notices of Violation (NOVs) from Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) alleging that Chiquita had engaged in grading without obtaining a grading permit in accordance with the Los Angeles County Municipal Code. The three NOVs included a stop work order instructing Chiquita to halt the grading. Chiquita had been engaging in the grading at issue as part of its efforts to complete the work described in the draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste. Chiquita is discussing these NOVs and the related stop work order with Public Works.

While Chiquita has been working diligently to address and respond to DTSC's and other agencies' comments on the draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste and the draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area, the comments require numerous and extensive revisions to the draft RAWs and development of new and revised related documents, figures, and plans. In addition, several of Chiquita's key consultants, including its Project Engineer, have been, or will be, on vacation during the month of August and early September. Due to the extent of the revisions requested, the need to coordinate the same, and the unavailability of our Project Engineer and other key consultants for parts of August and early September, Chiquita requested on August 12, 2025 an extension until September 19, 2025 to submit the revised draft RAW and responses to comments. Chiquita also noted our intention to seek an extension to submit the revised draft RAW for Extension of Covered Area.

(f) All results of sample analyses, test, and other data generated under this Order during the previous calendar month, and any significant findings from these data:

During the month of July, per DTSC's request, Chiquita submitted surface and base elevations for temperature monitoring probe (TMP) 21 through TMP 35. In addition, on July 21, 2025, Chiquita submitted a proposed data delivery schedule to DTSC pursuant to section 6.11 of the Order in response to DTSC's July 14, 2025 data request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (346) 807-5547 or Kate.Logan@WasteConnections.com.

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