



CHIQUITA CANYON
A Waste Connections Company

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – August 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 Substances Control (DTSC) to Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) on April 2, 2025 (the Order), Chiquita submits this Monthly Summary Report for August 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:

In August, Chiquita finished lining and continued placing frac tanks onto the lined surface of Cell 8B (hereinafter referred to as Tank Farm 13) of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill) for the relocation of Tank Farm 9. Chiquita also began to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. Chiquita also continued to work on compliance documentation for the treatment of hazardous waste in Tank Farm 13 under the California Tiered Permitting Structure. In addition, D&E, on behalf of Chiquita, continued to deploy the DTSC-approved ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH) 60-mil geomembrane cover on the top deck of the Landfill. As of August 29, 2025, D&E had installed approximately 171,254 square feet of the geomembrane and performed repairs of existing 30-mil geomembrane covered areas using the EVOH geomembrane. In addition, Chiquita drilled vertical gas wells in the areas where the EVOH geomembrane 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 August, 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 August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025.
- On August 4, 2025, Chiquita received and began responding to comments received from DTSC and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Extension of Covered Area.
- On August 12, 2025, Chiquita submitted a request to DTSC for an extension until September 19, 2025 to submit its response to comments to DTSC regarding the RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste. DTSC approved this extension on August 15, 2025.
- On August 22, 2025, Chiquita ordered an additional 50 acres of the DTSC-approved EVOH geomembrane.
- On August 25, 2025, Chiquita submitted a request to DTSC for an extension until October 3, 2025 to submit its response to comments regarding the RAW for the Extension of Covered Area. DTSC approved this extension on August 28, 2025.
- On August 25, 2025, Chiquita provided to DTSC a courtesy copy of the weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation update provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the week ending August 15, 2025, and has since included DTSC on these weekly updates.

Additionally, on August 15, 2025, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for July 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 placing frac tanks into Tank Farm 13 for the relocation of Tank Farm 9. Chiquita will also continue to work on permitting compliance for the treatment of hazardous waste in Tank Farm 13. 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 plans to submit to DTSC on September 19, 2025, the revised draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste together with Chiquita's responses to DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments. Chiquita will also continue to work on addressing and responding to DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments on the draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of October, Chiquita expects to finish the piping for all tanks in the new 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 to DTSC on October 3, 2025, the revised draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area together with Chiquita's 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 September 2025.

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

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for August.

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

As noted in Chiquita's prior monthly summary report, 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 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. In addition, on July 14, 2025, Chiquita received an NOV from Los Angeles County Regional Planning alleging that Chiquita violated its Conditional Use Permit by grading without a grading permit. Chiquita appealed these NOVs on August 28, 2025, and September 12, 2025, respectively.

In addition, as noted above, Chiquita requested and received extensions to submit the revised draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste and the revised draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area, together with its responses to comments, for the reasons described in Chiquita's requests for extension and prior monthly summary report.

(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:

In response to DTSC's August 21, 2025 request, Chiquita submitted on August 25, 2025 raw gas data collected for the Landfill from August 20, 2024 to August 20, 2025.

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

Sincerely,



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