

Disposal Facility (Site) Inspection Report (52)
Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill (19-AA-0052)
5/29/2025

Inspection Information

Inspected By: Los Angeles County

Local Inspection ID:

Inspection Date: 5/29/2025

Time In:

Inspection Type: Periodic

Time Out:

Inspector: Eric Morofuji

Inspection Duration:

Operator: Chiquita Canyon, Inc.

Received By:

Also Present (Name):

Cruz Dela Cruz, Operations Supervisor

Facility/Activity Information

Enforcement Agency: County of Los Angeles

SWIS Number: 19-AA-0052

Facility: Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill
29201 Henry Mayo Drive
Castaic, CA 91384

Activity: Solid Waste Landfill

Operational Status: Active

Regulatory Status: Permitted

Land Owners(s):

Chiquita Canyon, Inc.

The above facility was inspected for compliance with applicable sections of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) and Title 14 and Title 27, California Code of Regulations (CCR).

Violations

27 CCR 20921 - Gas Monitoring and Control

Ensure that landfill gas generated on site is controlled not to exceed 5% by volume in air at the site's perimeter boundary.

See comments below.

27 CCR 20750 - Site Maintenance

The operator shall implement a preventative maintenance program to monitor and promptly repair or correct defective or deteriorated conditions with respect to requirement of the CIWMB standards, and conditions established by the EA. All other aspects of the disposal site shall be kept in a state of reasonable repair. The Compliance Order dated June 6, 2024 (2024 Order) was issued to CCL to comply with

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the following compliance schedule to eliminate existing violations. For further details of the above required actions, please refer to the 2024 Order.

On May 1, 2025, CCL was issued the Compliance Order (2025 Order), to supersede the Milestone 1A-1 of the 2024 Order and to address the ongoing Subsurface Elevated Temperature (SET) Event. For further details, please refer to the 2025 Order.

See comments below for updates.

No Areas of Concern

Inspection Report Comments

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Violations 27CCR Section 20921 (Gas Monitoring and Control) and 20750 (Site Maintenance) have been noted on the LEA periodic inspection reports beginning 9/1/2023 and 11/28/2023, respectively.

June 6, 2024, Compliance Order, CCL is hereby ordered to comply and eliminate the following violations by addressing all Milestones of the Order.

On May 1, 2025, a Compliance Order (2025 Order) was issued to supersede the Milestone 1A-1 of the June 6, 2024 Compliance Order as it pertains to 27CCR §20750.

Violation 27CCR Section 20750 – Site Maintenance: LEA received the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan for Milestone 2A-1 (Installation of geosynthetic cover). The acceptance of the Completion Report is contingent upon approval of the O&M Plan.

As of June 15, 2025, the status update on the milestones to address this violation are as follows:

- 1A-1 - Soil Reaction Break/Barrier Plan (SRBBP) is superseded by 2025 Order issued on 5/1/2025 to establish compliance deadlines, are as follows:

- 4.1 – Extend Cover Area
- 4.2 - Relocate Leachate Tank Farm 9
- 4.3 - Prevent Expansion of SET Event into Cell 8A
- 4.4 Install Additional 5 TMPs

On 5/16/2025, the CCL requested an Appeal Hearing of the 2025 Order. The Secretary of the Independent Solid Waste Facilities Hearing Board received

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the request and started the process to establish a hearing date and time.

- 1B-2 - The LEA continues to receive the weekly TMP temperature reports. On 5/1/2025 report, CCL continues to evaluate the installation for the two remaining TMPs (TP-22 and TP-23) since the LEA did not allow the request to suspend installation until October 2025.
- 2A-1 – On 5/9/2025, the LEA received the O&M Plan and is under LEA review.
- 2B – CCL continues to submit weekly updates on the cover and fissures issues. On 5/30/2025, the LEA requested to submit the isopach map on a monthly basis so the settlement rate can be properly tracked and compared for analysis over time. On 6/10/2025, the LEA received the isopach map with the weekly cover and fissures report.
- Note: CCL is in compliance with Milestones 1A-2, 1A-3, 1B-1, 1B-3, 1B-4, 2A-2, 3-1 and 3-2

Violation 27CCR Section 20921 – Gas Monitoring and Control: CCL submitted the revised Proposed Revised Remediation Plan and is under LEA review.

- 4-1 – On 7/31/2024, LEA received CQA completion report that all 107 wells were completed and installed. CQA completion report is under LEA review.
- 4-4 - On 6/2/2025, the LEA received the revision to CCL Proposed Revised Remediation Plan which is under LEA review.
- Note: CCL is in compliance with Milestone 4-2 & 4-3

The following was observed during the periodic inspection:

- At the entrance, the closed sign was posted at the front gate.
- Site is no longer accepting waste. Most of the area at Cell 8A was covered with at least 12 inches of soil cover.
- Site is disposing self-generated non-hazardous waste into workface at top lift of Cell 8A. This area is covered with at least 6 inches of daily soil cover.
- No activity at Canyon B. The area is clear. No changes were made to the Canyon area.
- Observed the area at Cell 8B was being filled in with dirt/soil for future plans for a leachate tank farm.
- Canyon D was being used as a leachate tank farm.
- Conducted methane gas readings at perimeter monitoring wells – GP-13, GP-14, GP-26, and GP-10. See attached monitoring log sheet for results.
- CCL continues to provide weekly probe readings which results in methane exceedance above 5% by volume for wells GP-13 and GP-15.
- Received 3 notification emails of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) reports for leachate spills during the month of May.
- The logbooks, such as special occurrences and complaints, for the month of May were current and up to date.
- Received the May monthly report, as detailed in the permit.
- A copy of the inspection report was emailed to Steve Cassulo and Amanda Froman.

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NOTE: LEA received a letter from CCL dated December 31, 2024, that CCL has ceased active waste disposal operations effective January 1, 2025, however, CCL will continue to address the Elevated Temperature Landfill (ETLF) event, as well as closure and post-closure activities.

Attachments

05.29.2025 Chiquita Canyon LF - LFG Monitoring Sheet