



CHIQUITA CANYON

A Waste Connections Company

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – September 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 September 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 September, Chiquita finished 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 continued 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 September 26, 2025, D&E had installed approximately 429,532 square feet of the geomembrane to the top deck of the Landfill as well as 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.

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

- Chiquita and DTSC continued to hold weekly technical status meetings, which were held on September 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2025.
- On September 19, 2025, Chiquita submitted to DTSC a revised draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste and responses to comments received from DTSC and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).
- Chiquita continued to respond to comments received from DTSC and CalRecycle on the draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area.
- On September 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2025, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).

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

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

Chiquita will continue to work on permitting compliance for the treatment of hazardous waste in Tank Farm 13. Chiquita expects to finish the piping for all tanks in the new Tank Farm 13 in October.

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 submitted to DTSC on October 3, 2025, the revised draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area together with Chiquita's responses to comments received from DTSC, CalRecycle, the LEA, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

Chiquita hosted Peter Ruttan, Dan Ziarkowski, and Tim Crick, with DTSC, onsite for a tour of the Landfill on October 8, 2025.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of November, Chiquita 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. Pursuant to section 6.3 of the Order, Chiquita also expects to submit a monthly summary report for October 2025.

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

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for September.

(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 Notice of Violations (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.

(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 September 4, 2025 request, Chiquita submitted on September 8, 2025, a topography of the surface of the Landfill in AutoCAD format for August 2025, ground survey points to fix the 2025 topography and properly orient the AutoCAD data, and boring logs for TMP-01 through TMP-21 and TMP-24 through TMP-35. Additionally, in response to DTSC's verbal request made on September 23, 2025, Chiquita submitted EVOH Construction Quality Assurance documents on September 25, 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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