



October 31, 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 Leak 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 October 26, 2025 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which no more than one thousand (1,000) gallons of potentially hazardous leachate from a sump near the Lorentz pumps leaked outside of the Landfill’s footprint. Up to approximately fifty (50) gallons of liquid from the leak may have reached the northern portion of the south sedimentation basin, but no liquid from the leak reached the southern portion of the south sedimentation basin. The northern portion of the south sedimentation basin was not discharging to the southern portion of the south sedimentation basin, and the southern portion of the south sedimentation basin was not discharging off-site. Additionally, neither portion of the south sedimentation basin was full, and there was no rain in the forecast that could lead to a potential discharge.

The volume of the leak is a conservative estimate based on visual observation by Chiquita staff. Chiquita maintains appropriate response materials, including fully stocked spill kits, and has trained staff on site to respond to spills and leaks to prevent liquids from entering the stormwater system.

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

The leak occurred from a sump near the Lorentz pumps in grid 207 – as depicted in Attachment A.

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

The leak had a low flow rate.

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

On October 26, 2025, at approximately 1:45 a.m., to the best of Chiquita's knowledge, a mechanical issue caused the generators that power the Lorentz pumps to turn off. Because the Lorentz pumps lost power, the sumps filled and caused the leak. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction. 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.

Chiquita took seven samples at different locations across the south sedimentation basin as well as a sample of the raw leachate from the stormwater channel.

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

Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita personnel placed soil berms near the leak and in the stormwater channels to contain the liquid and prevent its further movement through the stormwater channel. After constructing the berms, Chiquita immediately deployed a vacuum truck to the west side sumps to draw the liquids from those sumps and the stormwater channel. On both October 26 and 27, the stormwater channel was pressure washed while applying vacuum to collect all wash water. Our team stopped the source of the leak by approximately 3:30 p.m. on October 26. The water within the entire south sedimentation basin is being removed by vacuum truck and hauled to approved designated facilities. All soil from the impacted area was placed in a roll off bin and will be sampled for proper disposal. There was no standing liquid as of October 27. Chiquita completed cleanup of the soil placed in the channel on October 28, 2025.

Chiquita is continuing to evaluate the root cause and whether there are additional measures that can be taken to mitigate future events. In the interim, to prevent similar leaks from occurring in the future, Chiquita personnel have begun conducting routine inspections of the generators providing power to the Lorentz pumps.

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

Sincerely,
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

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

