



CHIQUITA CANYON

A Waste Connections Company

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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 January 4, 2026 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which no more than twenty (20) gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with group B leaked from sump 7. Liquid from the leak reached the perimeter road; however, no liquid from the leak reached the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. 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 sump 7 located in grid 244 – 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 January 4, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m., to the best of Chiquita’s knowledge, the sump pump on sump 7 shut down because the liquid levels in the sump’s casing were too low indicating that the sump’s casing was obstructing the flow of liquid. Chiquita attributes this leak to equipment malfunction. The liquid from the leak 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.

No sampling of this leak was conducted.

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

Upon discovering the leak, the cleanup crew immediately contained the liquid using a soil berm. Chiquita deployed a vacuum truck to vacuum any standing liquid. Absorbent was then applied to the remainder of the area impacted by the leak. The absorbent, and any additional soil impacted by the leak, was removed and placed into separate containers for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour.

To prevent similar leaks from occurring in the future, Chiquita will disassemble the sump pump and add more perforations to the casing to allow liquid to enter more freely. The additional perforations will allow more liquid into the sump, which should prevent similar leaks in the future. Chiquita anticipates that these repairs will be completed by January 20, 2026.

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

