



CHIQUITA CANYON

A Waste Connections Company

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Via E-Mail

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – December 2025
DTSC Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order
In the Matter of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Docket No. HSA-FY24/25-082**

Dear Ms. Barclay:

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 December 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 December, Chiquita continued to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13 of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill).

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 December 26, 2025, D&E had installed approximately 781,783 square feet of the EVOH cover to the top deck of the Landfill. Sukut, on behalf of Chiquita, continued to install access roads on top of the EVOH cover to ensure continued access to major areas of the Landfill and prepared the Segment 3 area for EVOH cover deployment. D&E deployed EVOH over the Segment 3 area and continued to perform repairs of existing 30-mil geomembrane covered areas using the EVOH cover. As in November, Chiquita continued to experience delays in deploying additional EVOH cover in December due to substantial rainfall and persistently wet weather conditions, as foreshadowed in Chiquita's prior correspondence with DTSC and reflected in Chiquita's weekly cover installation updates for December.

Chiquita also performed the following activities during the month of December, 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 December 2, 9, and 16, 2025. Chiquita and DTSC agreed during the December 16, 2025 meeting that Chiquita would send email summaries in lieu of holding meetings during the holidays. Chiquita sent these email summaries on December 23 and 30, 2025.
- On December 5, 12, 19, and 24, 2025, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- On December 1, 8, and 22, 2025, Chiquita copied DTSC on its bi-weekly Estimated Upcoming Project Timelines provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- On December 9 and 22, 2025, Chiquita hosted DTSC's Greg Buensuceso onsite for a tour of the Landfill.
- Chiquita submitted a Slope Stability Workplan, as described in Chiquita's November 21, 2025 response, to DTSC on December 17, 2025.
- On December 22, 2025, Chiquita submitted a response to DTSC's December 12, 2025 Notice of Proposed Determination of Noncompliance with Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order. As part of its response, Chiquita transmitted over 40,000 files of data to DTSC.
- On December 31, 2025, Chiquita requested a meeting with DTSC for the end of January 2026 to discuss proposed alternatives to the requested vertical barrier and the draft Alternative Workplan in response to DTSC's October 15, 2025 comments. Additionally, on December 15, 2025, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for November 2025 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.

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

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 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 a revised Construction Quality Assurance report for the existing soil barrier, as described in Chiquita's November 21, 2025 response, to DTSC on January 9, 2026.

Chiquita submitted a response to DTSC's December 26, 2025 Notice of Proposed Determination of Noncompliance with Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order on January 12, 2026.

Chiquita expects to meet with DTSC and Chiquita's technical experts on January 30, 2026 to discuss the Alternative Workplan in response to DTSC's October 15, 2025 comments on the draft barrier RAW.

Also during the month of January, Chiquita expects to submit to EPA, with a copy to DTSC and the LEA, a response to EPA's January 13, 2026 Notice of Deficiency and Clarification of EPA's Position Regarding Extension of Covered Area of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

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(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of February, 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, weather permitting. Pursuant to section 6.3 of the Order, Chiquita also expects to submit a monthly summary report for January 2026.

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

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for December.

(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. A hearing on the Regional Planning NOV was scheduled for January 20, 2026. County Counsel and Chiquita jointly requested a continuance of the hearing to May 5, 2026, and Regional Planning staff have submitted a supplemental report to the Hearing Officer requesting the continuance. Chiquita has not yet received a response from the Hearing Officer.

(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:

On December 22, 2025, Chiquita submitted a response to DTSC's Notice of Proposed Determination of Noncompliance with Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order from December 12, 2025. As part of its response, Chiquita transmitted over 40,000 files to DTSC via TitanFile. Chiquita's response identifies and describes the documents available in the temporary TitanFile channel, including a description of the categories of documents uploaded and the specific folders within the channel where each category can be found.

Chiquita additionally provided to DTSC on January 8, 2025, a copy of R. T. Frankian & Associates' February 13, 2024 *Geotechnical Review of Conceptual Grading Plan*.

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

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