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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC's Weekly Leachate Inspection Report for Stipulated Order for Abatement (Case No. 6177-4), Condition 27(c)

All:

Pursuant to Condition 27(c) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Case No. 6177-4, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) encloses a compilation of the twice daily leachate seep inspection logs for the dates of January 12, 2026 through January 18, 2026.

During this week, there was one ongoing leachate seep at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. On January 11, 2026, during the morning seep inspection that occurred at around 7am, Chiquita’s field team observed a small amount of brown liquid in the stormwater channel with no obvious source. The liquid was pooling and had not reached either stormwater basin. On January 12, 2026, during the morning seep inspection that occurred at around 7am, Chiquita’s field team observed, at approximately the same location between grid locations 207 and 208, liquid in the stormwater channel, which was coming from beneath steel plates that were in place across the perimeter road. The liquid was dark brown in color with low viscosity and traveled as a light trickle. The liquid has not reached either stormwater basin.

Based on Chiquita’s current knowledge of events, liquid appears to have seeped from beneath the geomembrane cover at a rate of approximately 0.5 gallons every six hours. Upon discovering the liquid on Sunday, Chiquita promptly vacuumed the liquid; two soil check dams were already in the stormwater channel as a preventative measure to prevent liquid from reaching either stormwater basin. At that time, there was no identifiable source, so it could not be determined if there was a seep and no other corrective measures were taken.

Upon discovering the seep on Monday, Chiquita promptly vacuumed the liquid, installed a third soil check dam in the same stormwater channel closer to the seep, and began moving the steel plates and other materials in place on the perimeter road to identify the source of the seep. Despite the small volume of liquid, Chiquita deployed a vacuum truck three times a day to collect any

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outstanding liquids and prevent liquid accumulation. Chiquita also cleaned the channel and the dirt road.

On Friday, Chiquita constructed a soil berm around the affected area to ensure all liquid from the seep is properly contained during further investigation regarding the source of the seep. Chiquita also placed on the same day a piece of geomembrane over the berm to minimize the potential for odors.

Investigations as to the nature of the incident began as soon as Chiquita discovered the seep. Chiquita has not yet been able to determine the cause of the seep. Chiquita is still investigating the seep and will perform repairs if needed. No liquid has been seen at the seep location since liquid was pulled from that area on the afternoon of January 14, though Chiquita continues to monitor the area multiple times a day.

A member of the team typically conducts and documents inspections each calendar day pursuant to Condition 27(b) of the Stipulated Order. In this instance, the ongoing seep was identified during multiple inspections on January 11 through 14; however, the seep was not documented in the logs until the afternoon of January 16, 2026 due to an ongoing investigation into the source of the liquid. As described above, liquid was first observed on January 11, but with no identifiable source. The condition identified on January 11 had not yet been classified as a seep, and therefore the logs correctly state that no seeps were observed during those inspections.

The inspection on January 12 showed additional liquids that appeared to be coming from underneath steel plates. At this time, the site initiated an investigation to determine its source and cause. During this period, the site evaluated whether the liquid was attributable to a leak or a seep, which are subject to different reporting and documentation requirements. Because a leak would not be recorded in seep logs, the condition was not documented as a seep while the investigation was ongoing. The site ultimately determined that the source of the liquid was most likely a seep. The condition was documented thereafter on the seep report inspection log for the afternoon of January 16 and subsequently. Chiquita is reviewing internal reporting procedures to help prevent recurrence.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

Sarah Phillips

Sarah Phillips
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Attachment: Leachate Inspection Logs from January 12 – January 18, 2026

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

12 Jan 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

12 Jan 2026 7:08 AM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

Westside perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

12 Jan 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

12 Jan 2026 2:38 PM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

North perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

13 Jan 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

13 Jan 2026 7:03 AM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

Westside perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

13 Jan 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

13 Jan 2026 1:01 PM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

North perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

14 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

14 Jan 2026 7:21 AM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

West side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

14 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

14 Jan 2026 1:49 PM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

North side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

15 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

15 Jan 2026 7:24 AM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

West side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

15 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

15 Jan 2026 1:50 PM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

North side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

16 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

16 Jan 2026 8:06 AM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

West side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

16 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

16 Jan 2026 1:35 PM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

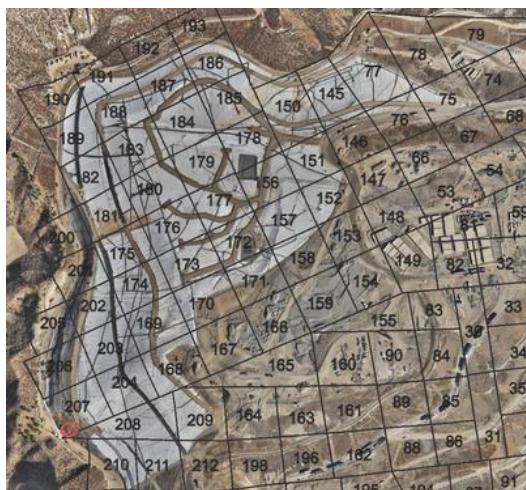
Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

Yes

Which grid is the leachate seep/pooling located?

207

Indicate on the map the location



Drop Pin to record lat/long of seep/pooling location.

C8JX+HM Val Verde, CA, USA
(34.4314893, -118.6507755)

Time seep/pooling was discovered

16 Jan 2026 4:07 PM PST

Estimated duration of presence of leachate at such location

1 hour

Estimated quantity of leachate

<1 gallons

Extent of area impacted (approximate sq ft impacted)

1.5sq ft

Odor type

Leachate

Odor intensity

2 - Light Odor Detected

Surrounding soil saturation level

Dry

Image of seep/pooling



Photo 1

Did the seep/pooling travel into the stormwater channel?

No

Actions taken to contain seep/pooling?

Berm constructed around effected area, liner placed and sandbagged overtop to contain atmospheric exposure, vacuum hose inserted to collect any liquids should any pooling accumulate inside containment area



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

17 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

17 Jan 2026 8:00 AM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

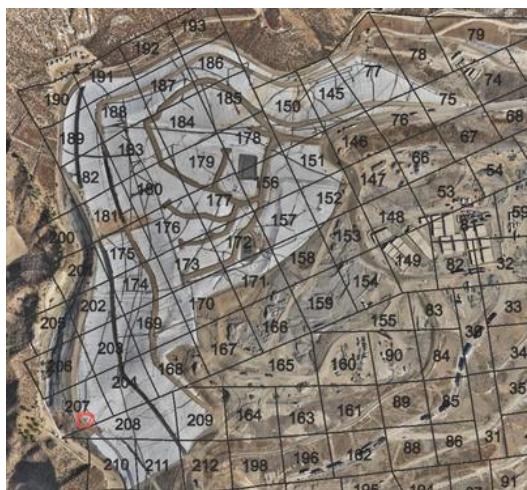
Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

Yes

Which grid is the leachate seep/pooling located?

207

Indicate on the map the location



Drop Pin to record lat/long of seep/pooling location.

(34.4321316508839,
-118.65150858336257)

Time seep/pooling was discovered

16 Jan 2026 4:00 PM PST

Estimated duration of presence of leachate at such location

17 hours

Estimated quantity of leachate

<1 gallons

Extent of area impacted (approximate sq ft impacted)

15 sq ft

Odor type

Leachate

Odor intensity

1 - Very Light Odor Detected

Surrounding soil saturation level

Semi-dry

Image of seep/pooling



Photo 1

Did the seep/pooling travel into the stormwater channel?

No

Actions taken to contain seep/pooling?

Berm constructed around effected area, liner placed and sandbagged overtop to contain atmospheric exposure, vacuum hose inserted to collect any liquids should any pooling accumulate inside containment area



Photo 2

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

17 Jan 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

17 Jan 2026 1:26 PM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

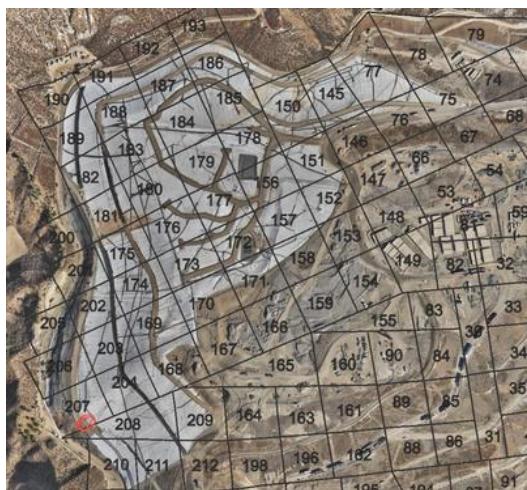
Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

Yes

Which grid is the leachate seep/pooling located?

207

Indicate on the map the location



Drop Pin to record lat/long of seep/pooling location.

(34.432208428634915,
-118.65163200544367)

Time seep/pooling was discovered

16 Jan 2026 4:00 PM PST

Estimated duration of presence of leachate at such location

22

Estimated quantity of leachate

<1 gallons

Extent of area impacted (approximate sq ft impacted)

1.5sq ft

Odor type

Leachate

Odor intensity

1 - Very Light Odor Detected

Surrounding soil saturation level

Semi-dry

Image of seep/pooling



Photo 1

Did the seep/pooling travel into the stormwater channel?

No

Actions taken to contain seep/pooling?

Berm constructed around effected area, liner placed and sandbagged overtop to contain atmospheric exposure, vacuum hose inserted to collect any liquids should any pooling accumulate inside containment area



Photo 2



Photo 3

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

18 Jan 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

18 Jan 2026 7:19 AM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

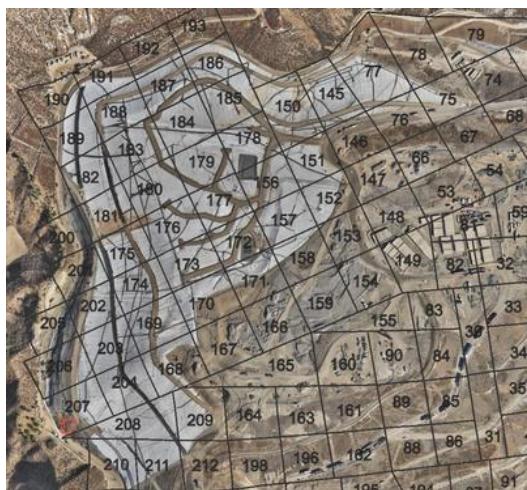
Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

Yes

Which grid is the leachate seep/pooling located?

207

Indicate on the map the location



Drop Pin to record lat/long of seep/pooling location.

(34.431689734976835,
-118.6506334220203)

Time seep/pooling was discovered

18 Jan 2026 8:13 AM PST

Estimated duration of presence of leachate at such location

38 hrs

Estimated quantity of leachate

<1 gallons

Extent of area impacted (approximate sq ft impacted)

1.5 sq ft

Odor type

Leachate

Odor intensity

1 - Very Light Odor Detected

Surrounding soil saturation level

Semi-dry

Image of seep/pooling



Photo 1

Did the seep/pooling travel into the stormwater channel?

No

Actions taken to contain seep/pooling?

Berm constructed around effected area, liner placed and sandbagged overtop to contain atmospheric exposure, vacuum hose inserted to collect any liquids should any pooling accumulate inside containment area



Photo 2



Photo 3

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

18 Jan 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

18 Jan 2026 1:07 PM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

Yes

Which grid is the leachate seep/pooling located?

207

Indicate on the map the location



Drop Pin to record lat/long of seep/pooling location.

(34.432170610226734,
-118.65169353509421)

Time seep/pooling was discovered

18 Jan 2026 1:24 PM PST

Estimated duration of presence of leachate at such location

44 hrs

Estimated quantity of leachate

<1 gallons

Extent of area impacted (approximate sq ft impacted)

1.5 ft

Odor type

Leachate

Odor intensity

1 - Very Light Odor Detected

Surrounding soil saturation level

Semi-dry

Vacuum truck pulling on clean out was not getting any liquid, just air

Image of seep/pooling



Photo 1

Did the seep/pooling travel into the stormwater channel?

No

Actions taken to contain seep/pooling?

Berm constructed around effected area, liner placed and sandbagged overtop to contain atmospheric exposure, vacuum hose inserted to collect any liquids should any pooling accumulate inside containment area



Photo 2



Photo 3