



CHIQUITA CANYON
A Waste Connections Company

January 23, 2026

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 18, 2026 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which approximately five (5) gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A leaked from sump 5 located in Grid 207. 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 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 January 18, 2026, at approximately 8:50 a.m., to the best of Chiquita’s knowledge, sump 5 located in Grid 207 overflowed after Chiquita personnel installed a pressure sensor in the sump. Chiquita attributes this leak to controller levels being set too high. The liquid from the leak was dark brown in color with low viscosity, and traveled as a light trickle.

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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, Chiquita personnel promptly created a soil berm to contain the leak. Chiquita personnel promptly removed all impacted soil and placed it into a container for proper disposal, and deployed a vacuum truck to remove all standing liquid. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 3 hours.

A select few of the Lorentz pumps on site require special programming of the liquid level settings in the controller. To prevent similar leaks from occurring in the future, Chiquita personnel will be updating its existing Standard Operating Procedures (“SOP”) to differentiate between the different programming requirements for these pumps. Chiquita will revise its SOP and retrain personnel on the updated procedure by February 27, 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

Sarah Phillips
Corporate Compliance Manager
Chiquita Canyon Landfill

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

