



January 26, 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 19, 2026 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which up to ten (10) gallons of treated leachate associated with tank number L13 (70-72), manifest number CCL01641-A, leaked from a third-party tanker truck onto the outbound scale.<sup>1</sup> 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 at the outbound scale adjacent to grid 141 – 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 19, 2026, between 12:50 a.m. and 1:05 a.m., to the best of Chiquita’s knowledge, treated leachate leaked from a pinhole leak on the top of a third-party tanker trailer. Chiquita

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<sup>1</sup> After continued investigation, Chiquita learned that it submitted duplicate notifications—on January 19, 2026, and again on January 22, 2026—detailing the same leak of treated leachate from a third-party tanker truck on January 19, 2026. Please note that both notifications concerned the same leak and same event.

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attributes this leak to third-party 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 third-party truck driver promptly stopped the flow of liquid and repaired the pinhole leak by repairing the weld on his truck. Chiquita personnel applied absorbent to the area impacted by the leak. Chiquita personnel promptly removed the soiled absorbent and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 20 minutes.

To prevent similar leaks from occurring in the future, Chiquita personnel will continue to walk around each third-party tanker trailer at the end of each filling. Chiquita will also revise its Standard Operating Procedures.

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

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

