



**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 Spill 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 16, 2026 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which no more than seven (7) gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A spilled from a pipe. Liquid from the spill reached the perimeter road but did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. The volume of the spill 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 spill occurred in Grid 227 – as depicted in **Attachment A**.

**ii. Flow rate - An estimate of the flow rate.**

The spill had a low flow rate.

**iii. Description - A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses).**

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 2026, Chiquita discovered a spill in Grid 227 of the landfill. Based on Chiquita’s current knowledge, it appears that the leachate spilled while a third-party contractor attempted to pinch off a pipe and cap it because the pipe was no longer going to be used. During that process, equipment used to support the pipe clipped the cleanout pipe, causing liquid in the pipe to spill onto the lined landfill surface and partially onto the perimeter road.

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Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party contractor error. The liquid was dark brown in color, with a thicker viscosity, and traveled as a light trickle.

**iv. Location – Location of sample(s) collected for laboratory analysis, as appropriate.**

No sampling of this spill was conducted.

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

Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel pinched the pipe to stop the flow of liquid and created a soil berm to contain the liquid. Chiquita then removed the impacted soil from the area and placed it into a container for proper disposal. Fresh soil was then added to the area. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately one hour.

Additionally, Chiquita is taking steps to prevent a similar spill from occurring in the future. Chiquita personnel discussed this event with the third-party contractor.

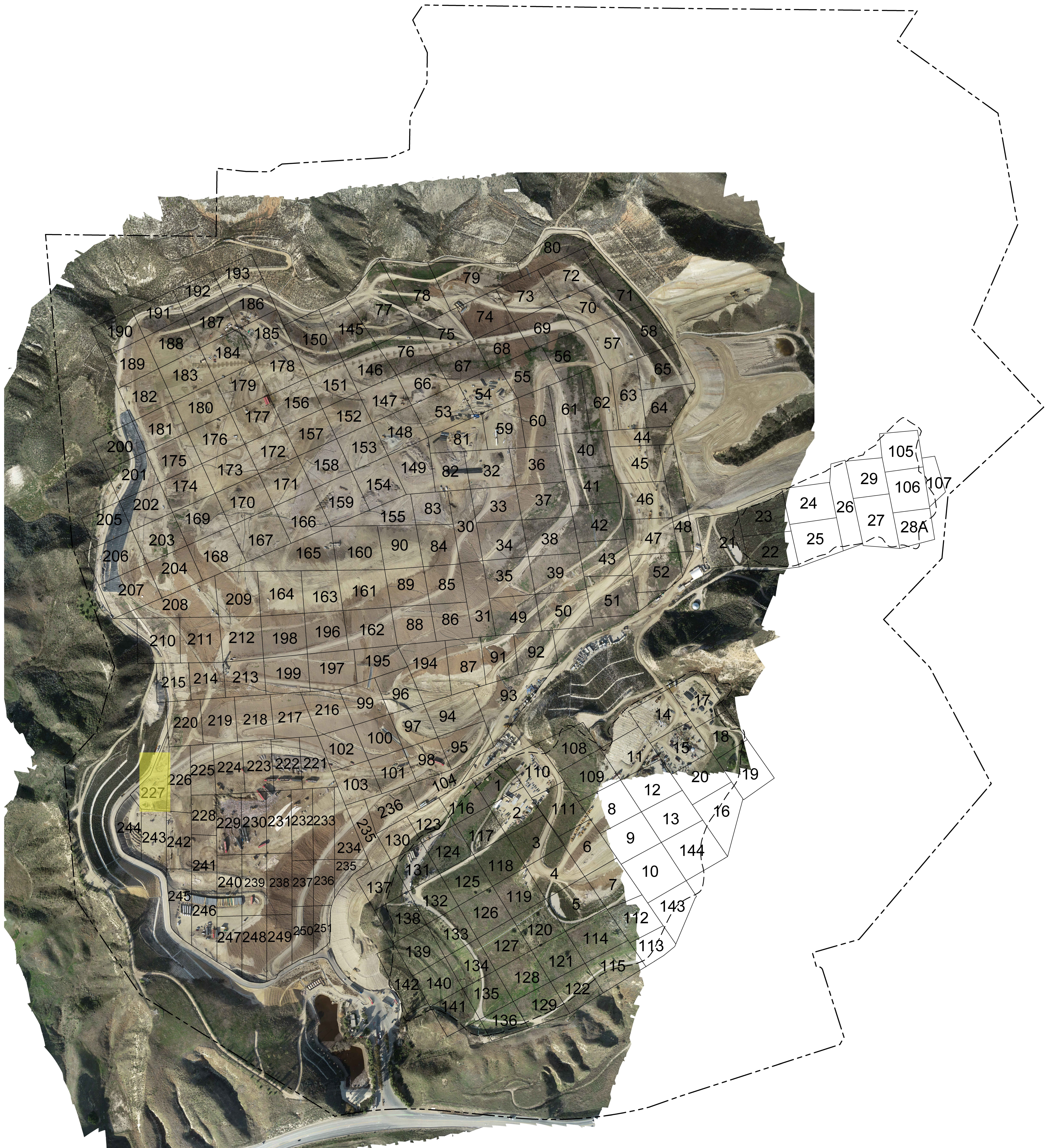
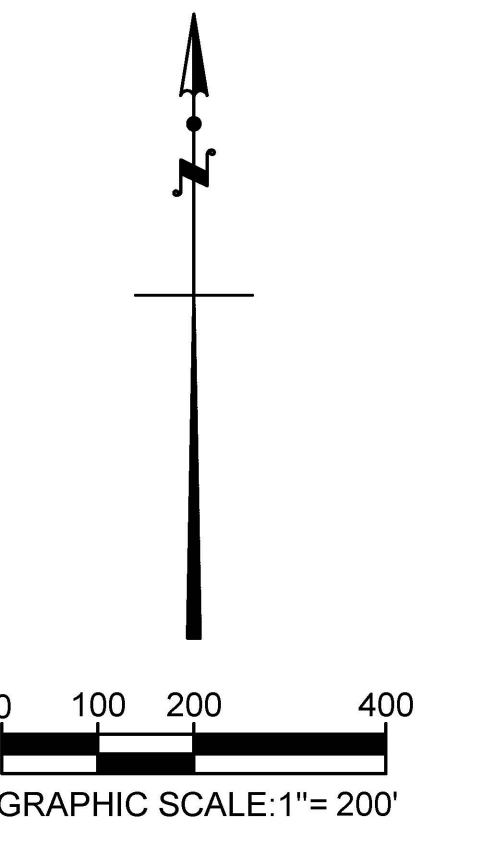
If you should have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (661) 257-3655.

Sincerely,  
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

Sarah Phillips  
Corporate Compliance Manager  
Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Attachments:

Attachment A – Map depicting the location of the spill



**LEGEND**  
----- APPROXIMATE LIMIT OF PROPERTY LINE

CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL  
FLIGHT DATE: JANUARY 15, 2024