



CHIQUITA CANYON
A Waste Connections Company

February 13, 2026

Via E-Mail

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – January 2026
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 January 2026. 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 January, 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 January 30, 2026, D&E had installed approximately 906,717 square feet of the EVOH cover to the top deck of the Landfill. D&E additionally staged geo-textile and liner rolls for deployment on the northwest side of the Landfill and conducted repairs and detailing of existing panels, including boot fabrication, patching, extrusion welding, and re-seaming, as needed. As in December, Chiquita continued to experience delays in deploying additional EVOH cover in January 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 January.

Chiquita also performed the following activities during the month of January, in furtherance of the removal actions under section 5.1.2 of the Order:

- Chiquita and DTSC continued to hold weekly technical status meetings, which were held on January 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026.

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- On January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- On January 6 and 20, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its bi-weekly Estimated Upcoming Project Timelines provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- On January 8, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC a copy of Frankian, R. T., & Associates, Geotechnical Review of Conceptual Grading Plan, Castaic, California, United States of America, Feb. 13, 2024.
- On January 9, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC a revised Construction Quality Assurance Report for the existing soil barrier, as described in Chiquita's November 21, 2025 response.
- On January 12, 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 15, 2026, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for December 2025 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.
- On January 21 and 22, 2026, Chiquita hosted DTSC's Greg Buensuceso onsite for a tour of the Landfill.
- On January 22, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC the coordinates and locations for the requested temperature monitoring probes.
- On January 28, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC bore logs for the requested temperature monitoring probes.
- On January 30, 2026, Chiquita met with DTSC to discuss proposed alternatives to the requested vertical barrier and the draft Alternative Workplan in response to DTSC's October 15, 2025 comments.
- On January 30, 2026, Chiquita met with EPA, DTSC, the LEA, and other state and local regulators to discuss the agencies' directives for the deployment of additional geomembrane cover.

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

Chiquita will 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 expects to meet with DTSC prior to February 20, 2026 to further discuss potential alternatives to the requested vertical barrier.

Chiquita also expects to submit to EPA, with a copy to DTSC and the LEA, an updated draft RAW in 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.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

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During the month of March, 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 February 2026.

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

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for January.

(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. On January 2, 2026, County Counsel and Chiquita jointly requested a continuance of that hearing to May 5, 2026, as the hearing on Chiquita's appeal of the Public Works NOVs had not yet been scheduled. Regional Planning staff submitted on January 5, 2026, a supplemental report to the Hearing Officer requesting the continuance. On January 20, 2026, the Hearing Officer granted the continuance to May 5, 2026.

(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:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at dylan.smith@wasteconnections.com.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dylan Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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