

**From:** Sarah Phillips <Sarah.Phillips@WasteConnections.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2026 6:26 AM  
**To:** Baitong Chen; Nathaniel Dickel; Christina Ojeda  
**Cc:** Matt Breuer; Neal, Erin@DTSC; Zmily, Zanalee@DTSC; 'emorofuji@ph.lacounty.gov'  
**Subject:** Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))

[EXTERNAL SENDER: Use caution with links/attachments]

---

All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a leak of less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A from a force main near well number CV-2473 in grid 158.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

1. The leak was discovered on February 12, 2026, at approximately 7:55 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous liquid associated with Group A leaked from a force main near well number CV-2473 in grid 158. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

1. Desert Carter

(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

1. Upon discovering the leak, the valves on the force main riser were immediately closed and absorbent was added to the impacted area to collect the liquid.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak was caused by a bad gasket. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that less than 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous liquid leaked.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- In addition to the measures discussed above, after adding absorbent to the impacted area to collect the liquid, the area was wiped, and the soiled absorbent and wipes were placed into containers for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1.5 hours.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- Chiquita replaced the gasket and will continue to inspect valves and pipes, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel has been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

**Sarah Phillips**

248.930.2779

Corporate Compliance Manager

**Waste Connections**

