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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC's Weekly Leachate Inspection Report for Stipulated Order for Abatement (Case No. 6177-4), Condition 27(c)

All:

Pursuant to Condition 27(c) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Case No. 6177-4 (the "Order"), Chiquita Canyon, LLC ("Chiquita") encloses a compilation of the twice daily leachate seep inspection logs for the dates of February 9, 2026 through February 15, 2026.

During this week, there was a multi-day seep observed at the Landfill. On February 12, 2026, a seep was observed at the toe of the western slope in an area just west of grid 210 and south of grid 208. During this time, there was standing free liquid and a moderate odor of leachate detected.

At the time of discovery, the seep had reached the stormwater channel and a small amount had reached Stage 1 of the South Sedimentation Basin. Upon discovery of the seep, Chiquita immediately blocked the inlet to Stage 1 of the South Sedimentation Basin and placed soil check dams within the stormwater channel to stop the seep from traveling to the basin. A small visible sheen of dark liquid, approximately 10 feet by 15 feet in area, was observed in Stage 1 of the South Sedimentation Basin. Chiquita promptly deployed a vacuum truck to the basin and removed the leachate along with additional stormwater present within the vicinity of the inlet. Chiquita estimates that approximately 20-40 gallons of leachate entered Stage 1 of the basin. In total, approximately 3,360 gallons of liquid were removed from the basin, consisting primarily of stormwater in addition to the estimated volume of leachate. Chiquita believes that it successfully removed all leachate from the South Sedimentation Basin, which was confirmed with sampling results. As part of its cleanup efforts, Chiquita also pressure-washed the stormwater channel and culvert leading to the South Sedimentation Basin and removed the wash water by vacuum truck.

To contain the seep, Chiquita dug a containment area at the source of the seep at the western toe to collect the liquid. This containment area is approximately 40 feet in length and has an estimated capacity of approximately 300 gallons. The containment area is also covered by a steel plate, and a layer of 60-mil geomembrane cover to prevent potential emissions in the event liquids reappear. Since February 13, 2026, no active flow has been observed, and no liquid has accumulated in the containment

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area. Chiquita is monitoring the containment area and is prepared to remove liquids using a vacuum truck in the event they reappear during the ongoing rain event. Further, rock has been added to the access road to ensure reliable access during wet conditions. In total, the cleanup of this seep, including the installation of the containment area, took approximately 24 hours.

A log for this seep was not initially prepared. The seep was detected outside of the normal twice-daily seep inspections conducted pursuant to Condition 27(b). During the routine inspection, upon reaching the location of the seep, the inspector observed the response team taking corrective measures to address the seep. The inspector erroneously believed the response team was documenting and reporting the incident and thus did not include the seep in the daily logs. This inspector will be retrained on inspection procedure. Chiquita anticipates that this training will be completed on or before February 20, 2026.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,



Sarah Phillips
Corporate Compliance Manager
Waste Connections

Attachment: Leachate Inspection Logs from February 9, 2026 – February 15, 2026

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

9 Feb 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

9 Feb 2026 7:07 AM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

Westside perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

9 Feb 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

9 Feb 2026 2:00 PM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

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Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

Description of area in photo where there is no leachate seepage or pooling.

North perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

10 Feb 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

10 Feb 2026 6:59 AM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

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Westside perimeter road.

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

10 Feb 2026 / Nancy Bahena Hernandez

Complete

Conducted on

10 Feb 2026 3:09 PM PST

Prepared by

Nancy Bahena Hernandez

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

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Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

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North side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

11 Feb 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

11 Feb 2026 7:19 AM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

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Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



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West side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

11 Feb 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

11 Feb 2026 2:36 PM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

Has a leachate seep/pooling been located?

No



Photo 1

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North side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

12 Feb 2026 / Nancy Bahena Hernandez

Complete

Conducted on

12 Feb 2026 7:34 AM PST

Prepared by

Nancy Bahena Hernandez

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13 Feb 2026 / John Boucher

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13 Feb 2026 7:00 AM PST

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13 Feb 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

13 Feb 2026 1:28 PM PST

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John Boucher

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No



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North side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

14 Feb 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

14 Feb 2026 7:19 AM PST

Prepared by

John Boucher

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

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No



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West side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

14 Feb 2026 / John Boucher

Complete

Conducted on

14 Feb 2026 1:01 PM PST

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John Boucher

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No



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North side perimeter road

4050 - Chiquita Leachate Seep/Pooling Inspection

15 Feb 2026 / Tom Roe

Complete

Conducted on

15 Feb 2026 6:58 AM PST

Prepared by

Tom Roe

Leachate Seep Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection

Leachate seep/pooling Inspection 1

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No



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