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From: [Matt Breuer](#)
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 7:19:57 PM
To: [Baitong Chen](#)
Cc: [Sarah Phillips](#)
Subject: Re: UPDATED: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Spill Report (Condition 27(e))
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All,

After continued investigation, Chiquita hereby resubmits the following updated report, previously submitted on March 1, 2026.

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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C onto the liner in grid 32. ~~Chiquita is still evaluating the leak and will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available.~~

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

- The leak was discovered on February 27, 2026, at approximately 3:05 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked onto the liner in in grid 32. Liquid from the leak did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

- Derek Biasi

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

- ~~Upon discovering the leak, it was immediately stopped and the affected dirt was promptly removed. No liquid was actively flowing upon discovering the leak. The affected dirt was promptly removed.~~

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

- ~~Chiquita has been unable to determine the root cause of the leak at this time. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears a compromised connection at a riser tee caused residual liquid in an abandoned line to leak onto the liner. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.~~

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

- ~~Chiquita has been unable to determine the volume of this leak at this time; however, a small amount of~~

~~liquid was observed. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 2-3 cups of characteristically non-hazardous liquid associated with Group C leaked onto the liner.~~

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected dirt was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 35 minutes.

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

- ~~Chiquita will develop and implement appropriate corrective actions once the root cause of the leak is identified. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available. Chiquita has stopped using this type of connection for new installations and line replacements.~~

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

- 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

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel have 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.

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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))

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 characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C onto the liner in grid 32. Chiquita is still evaluating the leak and will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available.

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

0. The leak was discovered on February 27, 2026, at approximately 3:05 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically non-hazardous leachate associated with Group C leaked onto the liner in in grid 32. Liquid from the leak did not enter the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

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

0. Derek Biasi

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

0. Upon discovering the leak, it was immediately stopped and the affected dirt was promptly removed.

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

0. Chiquita has been unable to determine the root cause of the leak at this time. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available.

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

1. Chiquita has been unable to determine the volume of this leak at this time; however, a small amount of liquid was observed. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the affected dirt was placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup was completed within approximately 35 minutes.

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

- Chiquita will develop and implement appropriate corrective actions once the root cause of the leak is identified. Chiquita will submit a revised report as additional information becomes available.

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

0. 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 have 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.

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