



CHIQUITA CANYON

A Waste Connections Company

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – February 2026
DTSC Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order
In the Matter of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Docket No. HSA-FY24/25-082**

Dear Mr. Shaffer, Ms. DiPietro, and Mr. Gentile:

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 February 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 February, 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 February 27, 2026, D&E had installed approximately 1,206,182 square feet of the EVOH geomembrane cover, including approximately 140,955 square feet in the area known as “the bowl” 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 January, Chiquita continued to experience delays in deploying additional EVOH cover in February due to substantial rainfall and persistently wet and/or windy weather conditions, as foreshadowed in Chiquita’s prior correspondence with DTSC and reflected in Chiquita’s weekly cover installation updates for February.

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Chiquita also performed the following activities during the month of February, 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 February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2026.
- On February 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- On February 2 and 17, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its bi-weekly Estimated Upcoming Project Timelines provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- On February 5, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its response to EPA's January 13, 2026 Notice of Deficiency (NOD) regarding the cover RAW.
- On February 13, 2026, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for January 2026 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.
- On February 17, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC an explanation for its wellhead nomenclature and naming conventions.
- On February 20, 2026, Chiquita met with DTSC to further discuss potential alternatives to the requested vertical barrier.
- On February 26, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC information and analysis regarding DTSC's inquiry on the landslide debris noted in the February 14, 2024 Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Report prepared by R.T. Frankian & Associates for the Cell 8B Expansion project.
- On February 27, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its submission to EPA of its revised draft cover RAW in response to EPA's January 13, 2026 NOD.

(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 submit to DTSC on March 13, 2026, with a copy to the LEA, an updated revised draft cover RAW in response to DTSC's February 20, 2026 comments.

Chiquita also expects to submit to DTSC on March 13, 2026, with a copy to the LEA, a revised Comprehensive Global Slope Stability Study Workplan in response to DTSC's February 23, 2026 comments and the LEA's March 6, 2026 comments.

On March 30, 2026, Chiquita expects to respond to DTSC's February 9, 2026 correspondence regarding the Feasibility Study/RAW.

On March 31, 2026, Chiquita expects to respond to DTSC's March 3, 2026 comments regarding the tank farm RAW.

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(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of April, 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 March 2026.

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

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for February.

(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:

On February 17, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC an explanation for the wellhead nomenclature and naming conventions. In response to a question from DTSC during a weekly technical status meeting, on February 26, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC information and analysis regarding DTSC's inquiry on the landslide debris noted in the February 14, 2024 Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Report prepared by R.T. Frankian & Associates for the Cell 8B Expansion project.

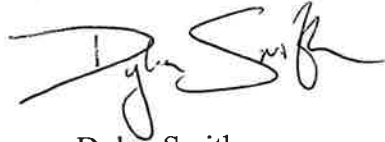
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at dylan.smith@wasteconnections.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dylan" and last name "Smith" clearly distinguishable.

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