



CHIQUITA CANYON
A Waste Connections Company

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – March 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 March 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 March, 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 April 3, 2026, D&E had installed approximately 1,584,301 square feet of the EVOH geomembrane cover, including approximately 212,001 square feet in the area known as “the bowl” of the Landfill and on the west slope. 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. Chiquita experienced delays in deploying additional EVOH cover due to adverse weather conditions, as foreshadowed in Chiquita’s prior correspondence with DTSC.

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

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- Chiquita and DTSC continued to hold weekly technical status meetings, which were held on March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2026.
- On March 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 March 2, 16, and 30, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its bi-weekly Estimated Upcoming Project Timelines provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- On March 2, 2026, Chiquita responded to DTC's December 8, 2025 Request for Information and January 14, 2026 Noncompliance Notice and Request for Consultation Regarding the December 8, 2025 Request for Information.
- On March 3, 2026, Chiquita provided written responses to DTSC's agenda prepared for the March 3, 2026 technical status meeting.
- On March 11, 2026, Chiquita provided previous correspondence and communications relating to the deployment of geomembrane cover and the siting of the relocated tank farm.
- On March 13, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC an updated revised draft cover removal action workplan (RAW) in response to DTSC's February 20, 2026 comments.
- On March 13, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC 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 13, 2026, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for February 2026 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.
- On March 30, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC a Feasibility Study/RAW proposing alternatives to the requested vertical soil barrier in response to DTSC's February 9, 2026 correspondence.
- On March 31, 2026, Chiquita submitted to DTSC a revised tank farm RAW in response to DTSC's March 3, 2026 comments.

(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 to prepare the subgrade for the cover's placement. Chiquita will also continue to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. In addition, Chiquita expects to continue to participate in weekly technical status meetings with DTSC.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of May, 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. Chiquita also expects to continue to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. Pursuant to section 6.3 of the Order, Chiquita also expects to submit a monthly summary report for April 2026. Additionally, Chiquita expects to respond to DTSC's request for cost estimates and financial assurance on May 8, 2026.

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

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Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for March.

(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:

Chiquita did not provide sample analyses, test, or other data generated under the Order during the previous calendar month beyond what Chiquita usually provides and as reflected above in (a).

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

Sincerely,



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