



CHIQUITA CANYON

A Waste Connections Company

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – May 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 May 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 May, 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 May 29, 2026, D&E had installed approximately 2,153,204 square feet of the EVOH geomembrane cover. D&E additionally 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 May, 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 May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2026.

- On May 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- On May 4, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its monthly Estimated Upcoming Project Timelines provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- On May 6, 2026, Chiquita acknowledged DTSC's Conditional Approval of the Revised Comprehensive Global Stability Study Work Plan.
- On May 8, 2026, Chiquita submitted its response to DTSC's March 9, 2026 demand for cost estimates and financial assurance.
- On May 14, 2026, Chiquita proposed a meeting in response to DTSC's request in Comment #1 of its May 1, 2026 Conditional Approval.
- On May 15, 2026, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for April 2026 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.
- On May 26, 2026, Chiquita received DTSC's final approval of the Revised Comprehensive Global Stability Study Work Plan.

(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. Chiquita also expects to hold a meeting with DTSC and other regulators pursuant to the Conditional Approval of the Revised Comprehensive Global Stability Study Work Plan. Chiquita also plans to attend the joint DTSC-EPA meeting on June 17, 2026 scheduled in response to DTSC's and EPA's June 3, 2026 joint letter regarding long term management of leachate at the Landfill and the relocation of Tank Farm 13.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of July, 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 May 2026.

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

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for May.

(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

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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.

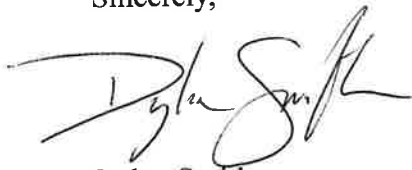
A hearing on the Regional Planning NOV was scheduled for January 20, 2026. On January 2, 2026, County Counsel and Chiquita jointly requested a continuance of that hearing to May 5, 2026, as the hearing on Chiquita's appeal of the Public Works NOVs had not yet been scheduled. Regional Planning staff submitted 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. The hearing was again continued to November 17, 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 provided updates to DTSC on the amount of EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover ordered for the Landfill on May 6, 2026. Additionally, on May 12, 2026, Chiquita provided analysis from its geotechnical expert regarding DTSC's slope stability questions asked during a weekly technical meeting.

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

Sincerely,



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