

Archived: Monday, October 12, 2026 12:34:44 PM
From: Tessa.Lenz@WasteConnections.com
Sent: Fri, 9 Oct 2026 17:57:49
To: bchen@aqmd.gov
Cc: [Sarah Phillips](#)
Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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 approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter from a transfer pump in Grid 234.

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

- The leak was discovered on October 7, 2026, at approximately 11:05 a.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter leaked from a transfer pump in Grid 234. Liquid from the leak did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

- William Thayer.

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

- Upon discovering the leak, the transfer pump was immediately shut off to stop the flow of liquid and absorbent was applied to the affected area.

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

- Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak appears to have resulted from an insufficiently secured pressure gauge connection on a transfer pump associated with the stripping tanks. Thermal cycling during equipment operation appears to have contributed to the pressure gauge becoming dislodged, allowing leachate to escape. Chiquita attributes this leak to a combination of equipment malfunction and third-party operator error.

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

- Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 1 gallon of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Groups A, B, North Perimeter, and East Perimeter leaked.

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

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the soiled absorbent was promptly placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 30 minutes.

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

- The affected pressure gauge connection has been replaced and properly secured by the related third-party contractor. Chiquita will also continue conducting daily equipment inspections and quality assurance/quality control checks, including inspections of associated gauges, valves, and piping, perform preventative maintenance, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed to reduce the potential for similar leaks.

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

- A third-party operator was 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

- Chiquita does not provide training to contractors; however, Chiquita routinely reviews spill- and leak-prevention practices with its contractors, and 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.

- Chiquita has been unable to determine whether the individual involved in the root cause of this spill has previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

Best Regards,

Tessa Lenz

Environmental Manager

Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Cell: (661) 812-2661

Waste Connections | 29201 Henry Mayo Dr. | Castaic, CA 91384

Connect With the Future © www.wasteconnections.com

