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SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS

On and/or before February 25, 2026, the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), reviewed documentation related to:

Facility Name: Chiquita Canyon, LLC; Chiquita Canyon, Inc.; Waste Connections US, Inc.
Facility Address: 29201 Henry Mayo Dr., Castaic, CA 91384
EPA ID Number: CAL000347030, CAR000381574 **County:** Los Angeles

As a result of DTSC’s investigation, DTSC discovered violations of the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (HWCL) and its implementing regulations that are identified on the attached pages. You must correct the following violations within the schedule for compliance for each violation. If you disagree with the alleged violations listed in this Summary of Violations, you must inform DTSC in writing. If additional violations existed or have existed which are not included in this Summary of Violations, such violations, if any, may be the subject of an amended or separate Summary of Violations and DTSC reserves all rights with respect to such violations.

You may request a meeting with DTSC to discuss the investigation or this Summary of Violations. The issuance of this Summary of Violations does not preclude DTSC from taking administrative and/or civil action or from referring the matter for criminal prosecution as a result of the violations identified herein or violations that have not been corrected within the time specified by DTSC. Failure to comply with a schedule for compliance, including without limitation the schedule of compliance in this Summary of Violations, is a violation of the law and is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$70,000 for each day of noncompliance. In addition, a false statement that compliance has been achieved is a violation of the law and is subject to a penalty of up to \$70,000 for each occurrence. DTSC may re-investigate this facility at any time.

Facility Representative Accepting
Summary of Violations

DTSC Representative

Name: _____
Signature: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Name: Erin Neal
Signature: *Erin Neal*
Title: Senior Environmental Scientist
Date: 2/25/2026



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SECTION I: NON-MINOR VIOLATIONS AND REQUIRED CORRECTIVE ACTION

You must correct the following violations within the specified time frame for each violation.

Violation # 1

Violation Citation:

California Code of Regulations (Cal. Code Regs.), tit. 22, § 66262.251, A large quantity generator shall maintain and operate its facility to minimize the possibility of a fire, explosion, or any unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents to air, soil, or surface water which could threaten human health or the environment.

Relevant Citation:

Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 25189.2(b), Except as provided in subdivision (c) or (d), a person who violates a provision of this chapter or a permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant to this chapter, is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for each violation of a separate provision or, for continuing violations, for each day that the violation continues.

Description:

On and/or before February 14, 2026, Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) failed to minimize the possibility of a release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents to air, soil or surface water which could threaten human health or the environment. The accounts of these incidents are described in reports posted on CCL's website (<https://chiquitacanyon.com/odor-mitigation/>) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Spill Release Reporting Dashboard (<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/response-operations/fire-rescue/hazardous-materials/spill-release-reporting/>), attached to this Summary of Violations (SOV) as Exhibit A. Additionally, DTSC requested clarification on specific release reports, CCL's responses are attached to this SOV as Exhibit B.



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The individual releases that form the basis for this Violation #1 are attached as counts 1 – 49 in Exhibit C.

Violation Classification:

These are class 1 violations.

Compliance Requirement:

CCL shall operate its facility in a manner that minimizes the possibility of a sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents.

In accordance with DTSC's June 20, 2025 compliance requirement letter, CCL shall continue to send the following agency reports to DTSC: South Coast Air Quality Management District Stipulated Order for Abatement (AQMD SOFA) Condition 27(e) Spill/Leak Reports, AQMD SOFA Condition 27(c) Leachate Inspection Logs, Waterboard 7-Day Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Reports, and Waterboard 30-Day Storm Event Reports.

In lieu of a separate Release Notification to DTSC, to the extent reasonably possible, CCL shall include in these agency reports the following additional information: the estimated release cleanup time and a waste determination identifying if the release is hazardous, treated non-hazardous, or characteristically non-hazardous. If applicable to the release, CCL shall also make good faith efforts to include the tank number, well number, and train identification associated with the release. If photographs are taken for a release, these shall either be included in AQMD's report or provided to DTSC separately within 72 hours of the release. If a release is sampled, all sampling results shall be provided to DTSC within 48 hours of CCL receiving these results.

Violation # 2

Violation Citation:

HSC 25163(a)(1), Except as otherwise provided in subdivisions (b) to (f), inclusive, it is unlawful for a person to carry on, or engage in, the transportation of hazardous waste unless the person holds a valid registration issued by the department, and it is unlawful for a person to transfer custody of a hazardous waste to a transporter who does not hold a valid registration issued by the department. A person who holds a valid registration issued by the department pursuant to this section is a registered hazardous waste transporter for purposes of this chapter. A registration issued by the department to a transporter of hazardous waste is not transferable from the person to whom it was issued to any other person.



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HSC § 25189.2(b), Except as provided in subdivision (c) or (d), a person who violates a provision of this chapter or a permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant to this chapter, is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for each violation of a separate provision or, for continuing violations, for each day that the violation continues.

Description:

On and/or before February 4, 2026, CCL transferred custody of hazardous waste leachate and/or condensate to two transporters who did not hold a valid registration issued by DTSC: Action Resources LLC (EPA ID: ALR000007237) and Action Environmental LLC (EPA ID: ALR000056689).

From February 26, 2024 to February 4, 2026, CCL transferred custody of hazardous waste on at least 2,165 hazardous waste manifests to EPA ID ALR000007237, identified on the manifests as Action Resources Incorporated. The EPA ID ALR000007237 is issued to Action Resources LLC. The hazardous waste transporter registration for Action Resources LLC (DTSC Transporter Registration #6620) expired on June 30, 2023. Action Resources LLC did not hold a valid registration with DTSC as a hazardous waste transporter from February 26, 2024 to February 4, 2026. Action Resources LLC's DTSC transporter registration was reinstated effective February 17, 2026 and expires on February 28, 2027.

From November 4, 2024 to September 18, 2025, CCL transferred custody of hazardous waste on at least 15 hazardous waste manifests to EPA ID ALR000056689, identified on the manifests as Action Environmental LLC. The EPA ID ALR000056689 is issued to Action Environmental LLC. DTSC was unable to locate records of Action Environmental LLC as a registered hazardous waste transporter. Action Environmental LLC did not hold a valid registration with DTSC as a hazardous waste transporter from November 4, 2024 to September 18, 2025.

Violation Classification:

This is a class 1 violation.

Compliance Requirement:

CCL shall discontinue transferring custody of hazardous waste to transporters that do not hold a valid registration issued by DTSC. Within 10 days of this SOV, CCL shall provide confirmation in writing that all transporters used by CCL to transport hazardous



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waste within, into, out of, or through California are DTSC-registered hazardous waste transporters.

DTSC registered transporter database: <https://hwts.dtsc.ca.gov/transporters/>.

SECTION II: OTHER ISSUES/CONCERNS

The following issues/concerns were identified during this investigation. Further research may identify additional violations.

1. Additional releases of leachate and/or condensate have occurred at CCL. These incidents have not been identified as violations at this time; however, DTSC is concerned that these incidents demonstrate general leachate mismanagement on-site. The incidents are described in reports posted on CCL's website (<https://chiquitacanyon.com/odor-mitigation/>) and the CalOES Spill Release Reporting Dashboard (<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/operations/response-operations/fire-rescue/hazardous-materials/spill-release-reporting/>), attached to this SOV as Exhibit D. Additionally, DTSC requested clarification on specific release reports, CCL's responses are attached to this SOV as Exhibit B. These incidents are also summarized in the attached table (Exhibit E).
2. Recent hazardous waste manifests continue to include a phone number that appeared to be assigned to Steve Cassulo. DTSC was notified that Steve Cassulo left his position with Chiquita Canyon as of November 30, 2025. Please ensure that the generator's phone number listed in Item 12 of the hazardous waste manifest is current going forward.
3. On January 23, 2026, DTSC sent a letter of non-compliance regarding Violation #3 of DTSC's SOV issued to CCL on November 18, 2025. The violation was issued for the failure to properly label hazardous waste tanks/containers. CCL has not provided a response to this letter and has not provided adequate documentation to show that it has met the compliance requirement for this violation. DTSC may consider each day that CCL is not in compliance as separate instances of violation in any subsequent enforcement action. DTSC reiterates that CCL must adequately label their hazardous waste and demonstrate to DTSC their return to compliance meets the requirements of 22 CCR §66262.17(a)(5).



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ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Violation #1 Supporting Documents (contains CalOES reports, CCL's South Coast AQMD Abatement Order reports, and CCL's Los Angeles Water Board reports)

Exhibit B: DTSC Information Requests Regarding Release Notifications

Exhibit C: Table 1 – Violation #1 Counts

Exhibit D: Other Issues/Concerns #1 Supporting Documents (contains CalOES reports, CCL's South Coast AQMD Abatement Order reports, and CCL's Los Angeles Water Board reports)

Exhibit E: Table 2 – Other Issues/Concerns #1 – Incidents

Exhibit F: CCL's Summary of Leachate Leaks and Spills from September 4, 2024 to February 10, 2026