

April 16, 2024

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**Subject:** Response to the LEA Request Regarding Updates to Mitigation Measure #1B  
Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Castaic, California

Dear Mr. Cassulo,

On behalf of Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita), SCS Engineers hereby submits this letter to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Solid Waste Management Program, acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), to request an extension to the installation timelines for Mitigation Measure #1B until April 26, 2024.

On December 19, 2023, and in subsequent communications on December 20, 2023, January 23, 2024, and March 4, 2024, Chiquita submitted a workplan to the LEA. The workplan included a geosynthetic cover installation schedule and details regarding the installation of the geosynthetic cover and temperature monitoring probes (probes) in the area of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill) affected by the landfill reaction. The LEA issued a conditional approval letter on January 29, 2024.

*Installation of Temperature Monitoring Probes – Mitigation Measure #1B:*

The updated workplan and installation schedule submitted on March 4, 2024, and approved by the LEA on March 20, 2024, stated that, without any delays due to weather, soil conditions, or related safety concerns, the installation of the probes would be completed by April 4, 2024. With heavier than usual rains hitting the Landfill on a consistent basis over the past two months, the site soils have been saturated and too slippery to allow the use of heavy equipment without endangering the safety of the construction crews on-site. Because of the delays caused by the rains, the original drilling schedule could not be met.

Chiquita's probe installation plan includes drilling twenty probes. Chiquita has paused the drilling of any new landfill gas wells to utilize all three available drill rigs for probe installation to meet the LEA's expediated request. Eighteen probes have been drilled with two more remaining to be drilled this week.

An updated estimated schedule for the progress of probe installations under Mitigation Measure #1B was requested by the LEA during an April 10, 2024 phone call, and is set forth below. The estimated dates of completion are weather-permitting. These dates are estimates and may need to be further modified depending upon factors like weather, soil conditions, and related safety concerns that may change in upcoming weeks.

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Dates	Estimated Efforts and Goals re: Mitigation Measure #1B
April 15 -April 19	Complete drilling of all probes (100% complete by the end of the week)
April 22 -April 26	Installation of all thermocouples and Remote Monitoring Systems for probes
April 29 -May 3	Commission Remote Monitoring System for data gathering and transmission

Chiquita will work to minimize risk caused by weather and ensure the safety of the probe drilling and construction crews. If the Landfill conditions continue to be favorable, Chiquita will work to complete the activities in the schedule above as soon as possible. Chiquita has redirected all three drill rigs on site to drill probes in order to expedite the process. There are no other drill rigs that are immediately available to add to the site that could handle this type of deep drilling.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this submittal, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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