

**DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY**

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Solid Waste Management Program  
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**SUBJECT: State Inspection Report for the Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill  
Facility No. 19-AA-0052**

Dear Ms. Chen:

Pursuant to Division 30, Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 43220, staff of the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (DRRR), formerly the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), conducted an 18-month inspection of the subject facility on June 8, 2010, in conjunction with Nelly Castellanos of your staff. A copy of DRRR staff's inspection report is enclosed for your records. A copy of the enclosed inspection report has also been forwarded via e-mail to the facility operator.

The facility was evaluated for compliance with applicable sections of Division 30 of the PRC, the terms and conditions of the Solid Waste Facility Permit, Title 27, California Code of Regulations (27 CCR), and Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR).

The following area of concern was noted during the inspection:

- **27 CCR 20620 – Site Attendant**

As the LEA, continue to work with the operator to correct the area of concern and document any corrections of the area of concern in subsequent LEA monthly inspection reports, including how compliance was attained.



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Your agency's cooperation during the recent inspection is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding the inspection report, please contact Debbie Knight of my staff at (916) 341-6325 or me at (916) 341-6413.

Sincerely,



Jeff Hackett, Supervisor  
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\* Please note that correspondence for staff of the Waste Compliance and Mitigation Program should continue to be sent to 1001 I Street, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812. Correspondence specifically for the attention of the Director of CalRecycle should be sent to the address in the letterhead.

Enclosure: Disposal Facility Inspection Report

cc via e-mail: with Enclosure

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## Disposal Facility Inspection Report (52)

Enforcement Agency:		County of Los Angeles			
SWIS Facility File Number (99-xx-9999)		Inspection Date		Program Code	
19-AA-0052		6/8/2010		CalRecycle Periodic	
Time In	5:45am	Time Out	11:00am	Inspection Time	5.25 hrs
Facility Name			Received By		
Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill			Chiquita Canyon, Inc.		
Facility Location			Owner Name		
29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic 91384			Waste Connections Inc.		
Inspector			Also Present (Name)		
Debbie Knight			Tony Duran (Oper), Nelly Castellanos (LEA)		

THE ABOVE FACILITY WAS INSPECTED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE DIVISION 30 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE (PRC) AND TITLE 14 AND TITLE 27 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR)

No Violations or Areas of Concern		
V	A	Regulations
	X	20620 - Site Attendant
Comments: This section states, in part, that the site shall have an attendant present as determined by the enforcement agency. Although a site attendant was directing traffic to the active face, the attendant was not visible from the active face due to the dense fog in the early morning hours (6:53 am). Additional staff (attendant) should be placed at the active face in foggy conditions or other adverse conditions affecting visibility of attendant.		

## Inspection Report Comments:

## Notes:

- 1) Permit review was due August 24, 2009. Due to owner/operator change, the application was submitted late. The LEA is in the process of completing the permit review report (expected June 2010).
- 2) Operator submitted Preliminary Closure and Postclosure Maintenance Plan (PCPMP) to CalRecycle Closure Section and is in the process of being reviewed.
- 3) Reviewed site records. The Hazardous Waste (HW) Incident log notes HW found outside of load checks. The accumulation log notes all HW accumulated. HW is pick-up every 90 days by one company. HW area well maintained. Daily log notes weather conditions. New Special Occurrence log form created and used. Training, tonnage and load checks are all maintained.
- 4) Litter control adequate on day of inspection.
- 5) On day of inspection, falconer onsite and maintained adequate bird control.
- 6) Landfill gas to energy plant completed. Operator in process of obtaining contractor to operate and county approval. Please work with LEA and CalRecycle permit staff to submit an application for necessary permit/JTD changes.
- 7) Surveyed area around Val Verde neighborhood and did not detect odors or observe litter from the landfill.
- 8) Monitored gas probes for percent methane: GP-15: 0.0%, GP- 20: 0.0%, GP- 21: 0.0%
- 9) The current 2003 JTD notes on page 1-6 that the "general public is allowed during all hours the landfill is operating" and "limit access to the landfill working area by general public vehicles to daylight hours." And notes the following for general public hours: M-F 7AM - 5PM, Sat 6AM - 2PM, Sun Closed. At 6:50AM, on Tuesday, the general public entered the site and was unloading waste on the day of inspection. Please work with LEA to determine if clarification of general public hours in JTD is necessary.
- 10) Status of the Gas Monitoring and Control Plan: Eleven new gas monitoring wells were installed as a part of the Landfill Gas Workplan approved by the LEA and concurred with by CalRecycle Closure Section. Landfill Gas Plan as-builts were received October 26, 2009 by CalRecycle for Closure Review. Closure approved the as-builts on January 5, 2010.

Martin Perez, CalRecycle permitting staff, also present on day of inspection.

This was the 18-month State Inspection as required by PRC 43220.