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Subject: Review Chiquita Canyon Landfill (19-AA-0052) Cover Options - Mitigation Measure #2A

Dear Ms. Gork:

CalRecycle staff are providing this letter in response to your request for technical assistance in reviewing the Tetra Tech Memorandum to Steve Cassulo from Julie Hauenstein regarding Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Mitigation Measure #2A, dated December 19, 2023.

The following comments are provided to the Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) as assistance to support the program in carrying out its responsibilities on permitted disposal sites. The final determination as to the comments to be provided to the responsible party is within the sole purview of the LEA, acting within the parameters of its discretion, in accordance with its vested authority under its certification as defined in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (14 CCR), Division 7, 27 CCR, Division 2, Subdivision 1 (Section 20005 et seq.), and Division 30 of the Public Resources Code.

CalRecycle staff recommends that the LEA consider acceptance of the proposal to use a 30-mil HDPE geomembrane cover in the designated area conditioned on the following. The Chiquita Canyon Landfill should submit the design specifications of the proposed geomembrane cover pressure relief valves to the LEA within ten business days. The direct venting of pressurized landfill gas at or near the ground surface level may cause significant odors and chemical releases that may require additional safeguards, such as carbon filters, before implementation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (916) 341-6356 or by email at Todd.Thalhamer@Calrecycle.ca.gov if you have comments or questions.

Sincerely,



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