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Subject: FW: Title VI Complaint – Ongoing Environmental and Public Health Harm from Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Los Angeles County, CA)
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 11:15:30 AM

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Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2026 4:46 PM

To: ECRD_Complaints <ECRD_Complaints@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Title VI Complaint – Ongoing Environmental and Public Health Harm from Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Los Angeles County, CA)

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The main water agency that issued violations connected to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill was the **Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board** (often called the “Regional Water Board”), which is part of the California State Water Resources Control Board.

<https://calepa.ca.gov/chiquita-canyon-response/>

https://lacounty.gov/2024/02/22/proposition-65-notice-threatened-illegal-discharge-of-hazardous-waste/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

From: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 1:09 PM

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Subject: Re: Title VI Complaint – Ongoing Environmental and Public Health Harm from Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Los Angeles County, CA)

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All of these people are responsible for the ongoing malfeasance and environmental disaster that is the Chiquito canyon landfill.

- South Coast Air Quality Management District (often called AQMD or SCAQMD) — air pollution, odors, toxic emissions, methane, hydrogen sulfide complaints
https://www.aqmd.gov/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

- Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors — county governance and oversight. In lieu of a mayor we have these people.

https://bos.lacounty.gov/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health — public health impacts
- California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
- California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board — leachate/water contamination
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Los Angeles County Public Works — landfill permitting/oversight
- California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

NASA even flew over the mountain to pick up the invisible gas. I can get that for you as well.

Best,

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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2026 5:13 PM

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Complainant Information

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Entity Being Complained Against

California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
Governor Gavin Newsom
The Los Angeles Board of Directors
Mayor Karen Bass
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

The California Water Protection Agency
The California Air Monitoring Agency



Facility at Issue

Chiquita Canyon Landfill
Val Verde / Castaic area, Los Angeles County, California
Operated by Waste Connections (private operator)



Summary of Complaint

I am filing this complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, alleging that state and local agencies responsible for regulating the Chiquita Canyon Landfill have failed to protect affected communities from ongoing toxic exposure, resulting in discriminatory impacts on vulnerable populations.

Despite years of complaints and documented environmental hazards, these agencies have failed to take adequate enforcement action, allowing continued exposure to harmful emissions and contaminated runoff.



Description of Harm and Ongoing Exposure

Residents in the Val Verde, Castaic, and surrounding Santa Clarita Valley communities have been exposed to:

- Methane (consistently above background levels)
- H₂S
- Propene
- Ethanol
- Acetone
- DMS Dimethyl Sulfide (DMS)
- IPA Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA)
- 2-Butanone
- THF Tetrahydrofuran (THF)
- Benzene
- Toluene
- Ethylbenzene
- m,p-Xylene
- Isopropyltoluene
- Methanol
- CS₂
- Hexane
- Styrene
- Acrolein

Persistent toxic air emissions, including noxious odors and suspected hazardous gases. Large-scale leachate discharge (reported in extremely high volumes) poses risks to soil and waterways. Continuous exposure affects homes, schools,

and daily life, reporting health impacts, including respiratory distress, headaches, nausea, and other symptoms consistent with toxic exposure.

This situation has been ongoing for multiple years and continues to this day.

I personally relocated out of California due to concerns for my health and lack of safety guarantees from California leadership. It turns out leaving was the correct move, as the affected communities remain exposed.

[REDACTED]

Failure of State and Local Agencies

The agencies named above have:

Failed to adequately enforce environmental laws and permits

Failed to prevent or stop ongoing toxic releases

Failed to provide timely, effective intervention despite widespread complaints

Allowed conditions to persist that pose a continuing threat to public health, while residents had to continue to pay property taxes and mortgages.

This lack of action constitutes a failure to uphold federally funded environmental protections to breathe. When this company was caught by a citizen pouring leachate into a waterway that runs through farmland, they were only slapped with a small fine, leaving the surrounding areas unaware of the toxicity.

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Civil Rights Basis (Title VI)

The impacted communities include populations that are disproportionately vulnerable, including:

Lower-income residents

Communities with limited political influence potentially have higher proportions of protected classes (race, ethnicity, or national origin). The ongoing failure to act has resulted in a disparate impact, where these communities bear the burden of environmental harm without adequate protection.

[REDACTED]

Requested EPA Action

I respectfully request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:

Initiate a Title VI investigation into the actions and inactions of the named agencies

Determine whether these agencies are in violation of federal civil rights obligations

Require immediate corrective actions to stop ongoing exposure

Ensure transparent public reporting and accountability

Take any additional enforcement actions necessary to protect affected communities

As a third-generation Californian, I would personally like to sue all of these organizations for ruining our way of life, future earnings, and impacting the future of my children and everything we worked for.

[REDACTED]

Urgency

This is not a historical issue—it is an ongoing environmental and public health crisis. Immediate federal intervention is necessary to prevent further harm.

[REDACTED]

Supporting Evidence (to attach if possible)

NASA has literally flown over the area to use imaging to capture photos of the invisible gas.

Declaration

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. - [REDACTED] (b) (6) PRA

[REDACTED]