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RE: PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY RELIEF DUE TO GAS EXPLOSION AT THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

Dear Mr. Perkey and Mr. Green:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issues the following supplemental Public Health Directive to Waste Connections US, Inc. and the Chiquita Canyon, LLC (collectively, CCL):

The release of landfill gases and emissions from the CCL landfill on the evening of November 16, 2026, is associated with the spread of noxious odors in the communities of Val Verde, Hasley Hills, Industry, Cambridge, and Hillcrest. Residents in some of these communities also reported the presence of landfill debris and other substances on their properties.

To mitigate health risks to the residents and ensure they are not exposed to potentially hazardous debris, CCL is hereby directed to take the following actions for residents in all of the impacted communities listed above:

1. Establish an on-line system for residents to report to CCL the presence of landfill debris in the community and on their property.

2. Provide services to collect and clean up any landfill-associated debris in the community.

3. Conduct additional testing to determine extent of the debris field and components in the debris released during the November 16, 2026, incident.

4. Continue Local Indoor Refuge through December 3, 2026, funded by CCL, providing residents with indoor spaces for temporary relief, includes "cooling" centers, with filtered air.

5. Continue Temporary Short-Term Hotel Accommodations through December 3, 2026, or until all properties reporting debris have been assessed and remediated, to provide overnight relocation and relief for residents to mitigate their exposure to the noxious odors and landfill debris.

6. Continue transportation for those residents who require assistance to reach daytime Local Indoor Refuge spaces or Temporary Short-Term Hotel Accommodations.

7. Continue At-Home Support for residents to improve their indoor air quality, such as air filters or purifiers (HEPA/carbon) and materials for reducing outdoor air intrusion

8. Continue timely and regular updates to the community on the resources available, instructions for accessing that support, and continuous communication to residents throughout this event.

9. Report community utilization on each and all efforts to Public Health on a daily basis.

As the responsible party, CCL has an obligation to promptly implement measures to mitigate actual and potential exposures in the community associated with the November 16, 2026, release of landfill gases, debris, and emissions emanating from the CCL landfill.

Please immediately confirm in writing to Azar Kattan at akattan@ph.lacounty.gov, receipt of this directive and actions being taken by CCL to address the community impacts of this release.

Sincerely,

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c: Kathryn Barger, Supervisor, 5th Supervisorial District