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Piney Point Update – Nov. 11, 2022

Severe weather associated with Hurricane Nicole passed through the Piney Point site yesterday, producing nearly 3.4 inches of rain and winds. DEP has been in contact with the court-appointed receiver and confirmed there is no identified damage to the compartment systems or any other water management concerns.

DEP is working closely with the court-appointed receiver to continue site evaluations and manage water levels.

Key status updates and response activities (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received **3.4 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **52.9 inches** of rain since Jan. 1, 2022. In response to rain events, clean, non-contact stormwater will be conveyed as needed through the site's permitted outfall along Buckeye Road. Samples are collected at the permitted outfall during runoff events to confirm the stormwater meets the requirements of its permit.
- The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- Spray evaporation in the NGS-North compartment as well as piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed this morning in coordination with Manatee County.
- Approximately **265 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind/associated waves in the pond, rainfall and water management activities.

Residents can find the latest information on the status of the site, response activities and water quality at ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/PineyPointUpdate.

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