

## Piney Point Updates January 2022



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### Piney Point Update – Jan. 31, 2022

In order to optimize water removal efforts throughout the site, the court-appointed receiver is continuing work to expand water management and removal. This includes incorporating a new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment of the Piney Point property. The concrete support platform for the new system was poured last week. Today's work focused on completion of the berms around the test area. Installation and testing of the evaporation system will continue through the next few weeks.

The receiver has also incorporated an additional system to wet the interior slopes of the NGS-South to supplement and maximize existing water evaporation at the site.

Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently. Water management and removal are central to those efforts.

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

- The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response to and repair of the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.
- The site received no rainfall of overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.14 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.9 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **11.5 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **13,647,251 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **269 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- The general location of a source of the seepage has been identified through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies. As part of these ongoing efforts, contractors have completed the deployment of an 8x8X6 ft. box structure that will aid in removal of mud and silt, providing better access to evaluate the identified area. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 28, 2022**

In order to optimize water removal efforts throughout the site, this week the court-appointed receiver took additional steps to expand water management and removal. This includes incorporating a new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment of the Piney Point property. The concrete support platform was poured yesterday, and the installation of the test evaporation system will continue through the next few weeks. The receiver has also incorporated an additional system to wet the interior slopes of the NGS-South to supplement and maximize existing water evaporation at the site.

Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently. Water management and removal are central to those efforts.

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response to and repair of the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

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

- The general location of a source of the seepage has been identified through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies. As part of these ongoing efforts, contractors have completed the deployment of an 8x8X6 ft. box structure that will aid in removal of mud and silt, providing better access to evaluate the identified area. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.
- The site received no rainfall of overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.14 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.8 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 12 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **13,355,971 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.

- Approximately **268 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 27, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The general location of a source of the seepage has been identified through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies. As part of these ongoing efforts, contractors are continuing the deployment of an 8x8X6 ft. box structure that will aid in removal of mud and silt, providing better access to evaluate the identified area.

DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received **no rainfall** of overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.14 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.6 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 12 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **13,255,971 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **268 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## Piney Point Update – Jan. 26, 2022

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.



The general location of a source of the seepage has been identified through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. **The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies. As part of these ongoing efforts, contractors are working to deploy an 8x8X6 ft. box structure that will aid in removal of mud and silt, providing better access to evaluate the identified area.**

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

- The site received **0.39 inches** of overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **37.14 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.7 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **12 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **13,163,771 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.

- Approximately 267 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 25, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The general location of a source of the seepage has been identified through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies, along with maintaining a continued focus on the management and final closure of the site.

DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received **0.01 inches** of overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **36.75 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **21.2 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 12.5 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **13,072,971 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **267 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 24, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The general location of a source of the seepage has been identified through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies, along with maintaining a continued focus on the management and final closure of the site.

DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **36.74 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **21.5 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **12.5 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,974,131 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **266 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 21, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The general location of a source of the seepage was identified late last week through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies, along with maintaining a continued focus on the management and final closure of the site.

DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.63 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.1 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 13 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,683,131 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **269 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 20, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The general location of a source of the seepage was identified late last week through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers. The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are continuing their work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies, along with maintaining a continued focus on the management and final closure of the site.

DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.63 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.5 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **13 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,583,431 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **267 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 19, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **The general location of a source of the seepage was identified late on Friday, Jan. 14, through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers.** There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The court-appointed receiver and his contractors are working to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies, along with maintaining a continued focus on the management and final closure of the site.

DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.63 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **20.2 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **13 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,485,531 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 266 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 18, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the recently identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **The general location of a source of the seepage was identified late on Friday, Jan. 14, through a combination of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and scuba divers.** There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The court-appointed receiver and his contractors continue to work to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.63 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **19.7 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **13.5 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,389,051 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **266 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 15, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.** Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

Through the ongoing work by the court-appointed receiver and his contractors, which has included the use of hydrophone surveys, sonar work, dye trace studies and divers, the general location of a leak has been identified. Additional work is underway to identify needed repairs and further investigate any other potential anomalies. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.27 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 19.4 inches. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 14 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,103,355 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **267 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 14, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.** Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

Contracted divers are continuing their thorough inspection of the liner using the one-foot interval grid system implemented earlier this week. Contractors are also continuing to conduct sonar surveys to narrow down the potential source of the leak. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.27 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 19.6 inches. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 14 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **12,005,055 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **266 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.

- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 13, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.** Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

Contracted divers have implemented a one-foot interval grid system to ensure a thorough inspection of the liner. Contractors are also continuing to conduct sonar surveys to narrow down the potential source of the leak. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.27 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **19.6 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 14 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,907,855 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **266 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.

- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 12, 2022**

The department continues to monitor the low-volume seepage areas along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.** Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage. Contractors are continuing to conduct sonar surveys to help narrow down the source of the potential leak, and contracted divers are continuing their inspection of the liner as part of the ongoing investigation. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.27 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **18.6 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 14 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,811,655 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 267 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## Piney Point Update – Jan. 11, 2022

The department continues to monitor the low-volume seepage areas along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.** Water is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage. Contractors are continuing to conduct sonar surveys to help narrow down the source of the potential leak, and contracted divers were back in the water today continuing their inspection of the liner seams as part of the ongoing investigation.

Additionally, repair materials, such as stone aggregate, are being procured and staged on-site by the court-appointed receiver in order to expedite any necessary repairs. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.27 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **18.4 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **14 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,714,535 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 267 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## Piney Point Update – Jan. 10, 2022

The department continues to monitor the low-volume seepage areas along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment. **There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time.** While there has been an increase in the flow rate, it remains a low-volume flow and is being contained within the on-site stormwater collection system. Water is being collected and pumped back into the NGS-South compartment, as needed.

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with department engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage. Contractors completed hydrophone surveys late last week, and sonar surveys were performed over the weekend to help narrow down the location and source of the potential leak. Contracted divers were in the water today inspecting liner seams as part of the ongoing investigation. Repair materials, such as stone aggregate, are being procured and staged on-site by the court-appointed receiver in order to be able to expedite any necessary repairs. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to the environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site has received **no rainfall** since Friday. Piney Point has received approximately 36.27 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **18.2 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately **14.5 inches**.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,617,415 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **267** million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of the receiver's work, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 7, 2022**

The department continues to monitor the three low-volume seepage areas that were observed upslope of the stormwater drainage ditch along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment late on Wednesday, Jan. 5. There continues to be no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there are no offsite discharges occurring at this time. There have been no observed increases in the flow rate and it remains contained within the on-site stormwater collection system.

The court-appointed receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with department engineers and regulatory staff on their response and investigation into the source of the low-volume seepage. As part of these efforts, today, contractors performed hydrophone surveys to aid in identifying the location of the leak. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received **0.02 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **36.27 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **18.4 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 15 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,328,765 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 269 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 6, 2022**

Late last night, three low-volume seepage areas (estimated at less than three gallons per minute combined) were observed upslope of the stormwater drainage ditch along the south wall of the NGS-South compartment at the Piney Point site. Currently, there is no indication of any concern with the integrity or stability of the stack system, and there will be no offsite discharges at this time. Seepage volume remains low and is completely contained within the on-site lined stormwater management system.

Upon notification, the court-appointed receiver immediately dispatched contractors to the site last night to address and ensure containment of the seepage. The contractors are coordinating with department engineers and regulatory staff on the response and their investigation into the cause. At this time, this investigation is ongoing and the location of the leak has not yet been determined. Should flow rates increase and result in ponding, the seepage will be pumped back into the NGS-S compartment.

DEP staff are on-site today to observe response efforts of the court appointed receiver and its contractor to this low-volume seepage event. We will continue to closely monitor site conditions to ensure the protection of human health and safety, and minimize environmental impacts.

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.25 inches of rain since the beginning of June, 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **18.3 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 15 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,229,755 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 269 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- The department finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 5, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

The department continues to closely monitor site conditions to ensure the protection of human health and safety, and minimize environmental impacts.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 36.25 inches of rain since the beginning of June, 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **18.1 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 15 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,131,655 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 269 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- On Dec. 16, 2021, the department issued the [permit](#) to Manatee County for their planned underground injection control well for Piney Point. DEP determined that Manatee County's application to construct and test an underground injection control well and an associated dual zone monitor well meets all applicable regulations for protection of ground water resources and the environment following a thorough review. This review included 12 requests for additional information and approximately 7,356 public comments. DEP issued the [Notice of Intent to Issue](#) the permit on Nov. 24, 2021, and no petitions or requests for additional time were filed following the notice.

- The department has finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. This agreement was finalized after a judge issued an order on Aug. 25, 2021, appointing a receivership to serve as an independent third party to oversee management and closure of the Piney Point site. Day-to-day management and operations now come from this receiver. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
- DEP continues working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Health to [monitor algal blooms and water quality](#). FWC is the lead agency on red tide and will continue to update conditions on their [website](#). For more information on red tide, please visit [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#).

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 4, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

The department continues to closely monitor site conditions to ensure the protection of human health and safety, and minimize environmental impacts.

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

- The site received **no rainfall overnight**. Piney Point has received approximately 36.25 inches of rain since the beginning of June, 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 18.3 inches. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of May 2022 is approximately 15 inches.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **11,040,375 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 269 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and is ongoing under the Receiver's work at the site. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), continue to be reduced significantly onsite. To date, approximately 265 tons of TN and 240 tons of TP have been removed from wastewater onsite.
- On Dec. 16, 2021, the department issued the [permit](#) to Manatee County for their planned underground injection control well for Piney Point. DEP determined that Manatee County's application to construct and test an underground injection control well and an associated dual zone monitor well meets all applicable regulations for protection of ground water resources and the environment following a thorough review. This review included 12 requests for additional information and approximately 7,356 public comments. DEP issued the [Notice of Intent to Issue](#) the permit on Nov. 24, 2021, and no petitions or requests for additional time were filed following the notice.

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## **Piney Point Update – Jan. 3, 2022**

The court-appointed receiver is continuing his work to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. Closure of this facility remains the top priority, which will ensure that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently.

The department continues to closely monitor site conditions to ensure the protection of human health and safety, and minimize environmental impacts.

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

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