

Piney Point Updates June 2022



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Piney Point Update – June 24, 2022

Forgen, LLC has been selected as the contractor to complete the first phase of closure work at the OGS-South compartment. To ensure this contractor is able to begin work promptly after the contract is executed, the court-appointed receiver has been securing suppliers for a variety of specialty materials needed for the planned closure work, including high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner, HDPE piping and dewatering drains.

DEP will continue performing its stringent regulatory oversight of the facility to ensure this is the last chapter in the long history of Piney Point. DEP is committed to working with the receiver to ensure that progress toward closure is done as expeditiously as possible.

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

- The site received **0.7 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **18.09 inches** of rain since January 1, 2022. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **32 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- 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, **27,104,345 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and a secondary evaporation system was installed at the site to aid in water removal efforts.
- Approximately **252 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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Piney Point Update – June 17, 2022

Today, the court-appointed receiver announced that Forgen, LLC has been selected as the contractor to complete the closure work for the OGS-South compartment. To ensure this contractor is able to begin work promptly after the contract is executed, the court-appointed receiver has already been working to secure suppliers for a variety of specialty materials needed for the planned closure work, including high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner, HDPE piping and dewatering drains.

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

- The site received **4.83 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **17.39 inches** of rain since January 1, 2022. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **30 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- 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, **26,619,845 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and a secondary evaporation system was installed at the site to aid in water removal efforts.
- Approximately **255 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.

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Piney Point Update – June 10, 2022

The court-appointed receiver is moving forward with final closure of the facility, beginning with the OGS-South compartment. The bid submittal period for work on this first compartment closed on May 6, 2022, and the court-appointed receiver is now reviewing all submitted proposals. In addition, the receiver has secured suppliers for a variety of specialty materials that are needed to begin closure construction including high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner, HDPE piping and dewatering drains that are required for the planned closure work.

DEP will continue performing its stringent regulatory oversight of the facility to ensure this is the last chapter in the long history of Piney Point. DEP is committed to working with the receiver to ensure that progress toward closure is done as expeditiously as possible.

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

- The site received **1.07 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **12.56 inches** of rain since January 1, 2022. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **33.1 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- 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, **25,939,945 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and a secondary evaporation system was installed at the site to aid in water removal efforts.
- Approximately 250 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.

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Piney Point Update – June 3, 2022

Given the development this week of Potential Tropical Cyclone One, which may develop into Tropical Storm Alex over the weekend, the receiver has taken steps to ensure that the site is ready to manage the potential rainfall from this tropical system. These preparations include staging required backup pumps and preparing the site to discharge clean non-contact stormwater as needed in accordance with the site's permitted locations and water quality requirements.

Site preparations are underway to secure heavy equipment and adjust water management levels in the ponds to ensure the site can endure tropical or hurricane force winds and rain. Additional pumps and generators have been made available to safeguard against potential power outages.

The receiver continues to oversee work at the site to relocate water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage storage capacity and respond to rainfall events. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate due to these water management activities, as well as ongoing piping and evaporation. Current projections are for approximately 2-4 inches of rain, at the site over the weekend with the site having a current capacity for approximately 33 inches of additional rainfall. The receiver is also closely monitoring information from state meteorologists to for predicted weather events.

DEP will continue to oversee efforts to manage the water onsite. The priority remains to pursue all available water management tools to ensure safe storage capacities for the duration of the rainy season.

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

- The site received **1.58 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **11.49 inches** of rain since January 1, 2022. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **32.6 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- 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, **25,264,025 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and a secondary evaporation system was installed at the site to aid in water removal efforts.

- Approximately **250 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.
- The court-appointed is moving forward with final closure of the facility, beginning with the OGS-South compartment. The bid submittal period for work on this first compartment closed on May 6, 2022, and the court-appointed receiver is now reviewing all submitted proposals. In addition, the receiver has secured suppliers for a variety of specialty materials that are needed to begin closure construction including high-density polyethylene (HDPE) liner, HDPE piping and dewatering drains that are required for the planned closure work.

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