

Piney Point Updates March 2022



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Piney Point Update – March 31, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has issued an [order](#) approving the [conceptual closure plan](#) for the former Piney Point facility.

The plan addresses the environmental protection requirements for the closure work and proposes a phased closure process with the facility's anticipated date for final completion of closure by December 2024. It includes a strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water from the reservoir areas as well as details on construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area.

DEP will continue performing its stringent regulatory oversight of the facility during construction activities to ensure this is the last chapter in the long history of Piney Point.

More information on the Order, site status and ongoing response activities can be found [here](#).

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 40.38 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **26 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 4.0 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, **19,287,161 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 257 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. Contractors have placed a steel plate on the repair area to temporarily seal the tear in the liner and remaining repairs, including grouting, are ongoing. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. 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 – March 29, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received a [revised closure plan](#) on March 25, 2022 which was prepared at the direction of the court-appointed receiver for the Piney Point facility. The revised plan is in response to the [additional information DEP requested](#) from the receiver and its contractor on March 16, 2022. DEP is reviewing this plan to ensure it meets all regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 40.38 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.5 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 **4.0 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, **19,092,461 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **257 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. Contractors have placed a steel plate on the repair area to temporarily seal the tear in the liner while the remaining repairs can be completed, including grouting. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. 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 – March 28, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received a [revised copy of the closure plan](#) that was prepared at the direction of the court-appointed receiver for the Piney Point facility. The revised plan is in response to the [additional information DEP requested](#) from the receiver and its contractor on March 16, 2022. DEP is reviewing this plan to ensure it meets all regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **40.38 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.3 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 4.5 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, **18,995,661 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **256 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously identified seepage along the south wall of the NGS-South reservoir. Contractors have placed a steel plate on the repair area to temporarily seal the tear in the liner while the remaining repairs can be completed, including grouting. DEP staff are on-site and will continue to monitor site conditions to minimize environmental impacts and to protect human health and safety. 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 – March 25, 2022

Today, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received a [revised copy of the closure plan](#) that was prepared at the direction of the court-appointed receiver for the Piney Point facility. The revised plan is in response to the [additional information DEP requested](#) from the receiver and its contractor on March 16, 2022. DEP is reviewing this plan to ensure it meets all regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **0.42 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **40.38 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24.5 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 **4.5 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, **18,705,061 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately 257 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have deployed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair

activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 24, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **0.2 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **39.96 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24.6 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 5.0 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, **18,607,461 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately 257 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have deployed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box

structure, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 23, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 39.76 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **22.3 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 5.0 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, **18,510,561 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately 257 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have deployed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair

activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 22, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 39.76 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24.8 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 5.0 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, **18,411,861 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **257 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors are deploying a 16x20x8 ft. box structure over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair

activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 21, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **39.76** inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24.4 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 **5.0 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, **18,314,341 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **258 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors are deploying a 16x20x8 ft. box structure over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair

activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 18, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **no rain** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 39.75 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.4 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 **5.5 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, **18,026,241 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately 264 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors are deploying a 16x20x8 ft. box structure over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair

activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 17, 2022

Yesterday, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **0.66 inches** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **39.75 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.4 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 6 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, **17,929,141 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **264 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have constructed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure, which will be deployed over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure and provide the foundation for continued repair

activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 16, 2022

Today, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provided [comments](#) to the court-appointed receiver regarding the [proposed closure plan](#) for the Piney Point facility. DEP is requesting additional information from the receiver and its contractor on the water management plans during closure as well as on the performance of the expected post-closure stormwater management system to ensure the closed facility meets all applicable environmental protection and regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **0.77 inches** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **39.09 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.8 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 6 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, **17,831,441 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **263 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have constructed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure, which will be deployed over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure and provide the foundation for continued repair

activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 15, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 38.32 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **26.2 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 6 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, **17,732,321 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **262 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system.

Contractors have constructed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure, which will be deployed over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure and provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 14, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **38.32 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **26.1 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 **6.0 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, **17,633,721 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **263 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system.

Contractors have constructed a 16x20x8 ft. box structure, which will be deployed over the existing 8x8x6 ft. box structure and provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 11, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **0.14 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **38.15 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.8 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 6.5 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, **17,345,021 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately 262 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his

contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have placed additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 10, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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 **38.01 inches** of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **26 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 **6.5 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, **17,247,421 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately 262 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his

contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have placed additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 9, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.99 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **26.3 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 7 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, **17,148,921 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **262 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the

system. Contractors have placed additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 8, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received **0.03 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **37.99** inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.6 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 7 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, **17,052,671 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **264 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his

contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system. Contractors have placed additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 7, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is reviewing the [proposed closure plan](#) submitted by the receiver's contractor for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.96 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **25.8 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 **7 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, **16,955,471 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues in the NGS-North compartment and contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- Approximately **264 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP on their response to and repair of the previously 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 location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the

system. Contractors have placed additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. Future repair activities are expected to include placement of a metal plate and grouting. 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 – March 3, 2022

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has begun its review of the [proposed closure plan](#) received from the receiver's contractor yesterday for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.96 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24.4 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 **7.5 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, **16,566,911 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 262 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP 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 general location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are working to investigate any other potential anomalies and identify any needed repairs. Contractors are placing additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. 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.

- Contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment at Piney Point. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- 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.

Residents can find the latest information on the status of the site, response activities and water quality at [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/PineyPointUpdate](https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/PineyPointUpdate).

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Piney Point Update – March 2, 2022

Today, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received a copy of the [closure plan](#) that was prepared at the direction of the court-appointed receiver for the Piney Point facility. The plan must address the environmental protection requirements for the closure work which includes the strategy for continued water management at the site that is essential to eliminate the current process water ponds and to complete construction of a closed system that protects both ground waters and surface waters in the area. The plan also must provide information on the expected timeframes, the planned closing procedures and the final cover and stormwater management systems for the closed stack. DEP will review this plan over the coming weeks to ensure it meets all regulatory requirements.

DEP remains laser-focused on closure of this facility so that the potential threat to environment and surrounding community is eliminated permanently and looks forward to working with the receiver on finalizing this plan.

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

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 37.96 inches of rain since the beginning of June 2021. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24.3 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 8 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, **16,469,511 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 262 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 receiver and its contractors continue to coordinate with DEP 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 general location of a source of the seepage has been identified, and the court-appointed receiver and his contractors are working to investigate any other potential anomalies and identify any needed repairs. Contractors are placing additional fill material in and around the 8x8x6 ft. box structure to further stabilize the seepage until a larger box structure can

be constructed, which will provide the foundation for continued repair activities. 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.

- Contractors are conducting pilot testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment at Piney Point. Testing will continue through the next few weeks to establish baseline data.
- 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.
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Piney Point Update – March 1, 2022

Testing of the new evaporation system on top of the OGS-North compartment at Piney Point continues. Through this testing, baseline data will continue to be collected to establish performance.

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**):

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- 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, **16,372,811 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **262 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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