

Piney Point Updates September 2021



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Piney Point Update – Sept. 30, 2021

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

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.6 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10 inches. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. As hurricane season progresses, the department and the receiver will continue to closely monitor weather and changing site conditions. At this time, expected rainfall for October through the end of November is approximately 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, 2,557,250 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 271 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.

- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. A [public meeting will be held on Oct. 6, 2021](#) to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.
- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 29, 2021

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The department has finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.6 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10 inches. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. As hurricane season progresses, the department and the receiver will continue to closely monitor weather and changing site conditions. At this time, expected rainfall for October through the end of November is approximately 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, 2,557,250 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 271 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 28, 2021

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

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.6 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive 0.5 inches of rain by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 9.3 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, 2,523,650 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 27, 2021

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The department has finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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- 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, 2,425,730 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 274 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 26, 2021

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The department has finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.6 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive an additional inch by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 9.4 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, 2,332,130 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 25, 2021

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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, 2,238,530 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 24, 2021

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The department has finalized its agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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- 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, 2,147,522 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 23, 2021

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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, 2,054,930 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 22, 2021

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Today, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Shawn Hamilton [presented to the House of Representatives' Agriculture and Flooding Subcommittee](#) providing an update on Piney Point response activities.

Additionally, the department finalized an agreement with the court-appointed receiver, supporting his transition into his role to both manage and undertake final closure of the site. As part of this transition, water treatment will continue and all available options to manage water onsite will continue to be pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

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- 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, 1,955,570 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 21, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.5 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 2.2 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.4 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, 1,856,210 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. A public meeting will be held on Oct. 6, 2021 to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 21, 2021

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 20, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.5 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 2.4 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.5 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, 1,758,146 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 274 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 18, 2021

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The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.05 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30.5 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 2.6 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.5 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, 1,661,526 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.

- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 18, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.36 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received just over 30 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 2.64 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.5 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, 1,563,606 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 17, 2021

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The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.02 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 30 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 3 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.4 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, 1,468,276 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 16, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 29.9 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 4 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.5 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, 1,369,476 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Piney Point Update – Sept. 15, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.66 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 29.9 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 4 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.4 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, 1,265,176 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 14, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.6 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 29.2 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 4 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 8.8 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, 1,165,960 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 275 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 13, 2021

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Key status updates and response activities:

- The site did not receive any rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 28.6 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 4 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 9.3 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, 1,071,496 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 274 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.
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- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
- DEP continues working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Health to [monitor algal blooms and water quality](#). FWC is the lead agency on red tide and will continue to update conditions on their [website](#). For more information on red tide, please visit [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#).

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 12, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.32 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 28.6 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 5 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 9.3 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, 978,184 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 274 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 11, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.07 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 28.3 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 5 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, trucks have hauled approximately 1.8 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 883,784 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 10, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.54 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 28.2 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 5 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 282 trucks have hauled approximately 1,743,440 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 785,864 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology has been used for onsite water treatment since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
- DEP continues working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Health to [monitor algal blooms and water quality](#). FWC is the lead agency on red tide and will continue to update conditions on their [website](#). For more information on red tide, please visit [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#).

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 9, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.2 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27.7 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 5 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 11 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 282 trucks have hauled approximately 1,743,440 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 687,504 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 271 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well as ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 8, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- Repair activities are underway at the Piney Point facility. There have been no offsite discharges or impacts, no discharges to groundwater, and there is no evidence of any concerns with the integrity of the stack system. Over the weekend, there was a reported failed culvert plug for the OGS-North compartment. This plug is used to retain water stored in the OGS-North. (This compartment has been used for onsite water treatment.) The treated water that was discharged from this containment area was captured in the OGS-South compartment and in the OGS stack itself. Water captured in the OGS-South compartment is being conveyed back into the OGS-North. Water levels in the OGS-North compartment are also being temporarily lowered to allow maintenance of an additional culvert and plug in a culvert decant pipe between OGS-North and the NGS-South compartment. As a result additional treated water is being temporarily transferred to the NGS-South compartment. The plug for the OGS-North has been replaced and the other repairs are in progress.
- The site received 0.4 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27.5 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 6 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10.4 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 266 trucks have hauled approximately 1,645,300 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 589,152 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 273 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 7, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 6 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10.4 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 239 trucks have hauled approximately 1,508,240 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 397,512 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 271 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well as ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 6, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 6 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10.6 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 228 trucks have hauled approximately 1,440,480 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 203,780 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 267 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well as ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 5, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 6 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10.4 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 228 trucks have hauled approximately 1,440,480 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 104,420 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- 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 rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 4, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.01 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 7 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10.5 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, **228** trucks have hauled approximately **1,440,480** gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, 96,100 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- 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 rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
- DEP continues working with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Florida Department of Health to [monitor algal blooms and water quality](#). FWC is the lead agency on red tide and will continue to update conditions on their [website](#). For more information on red tide, please visit [ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov](#).

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 3, 2021

The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.7 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 27 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 7 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 9.7 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 211 trucks have hauled approximately 1,333,800 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility. Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed yesterday. Spray evaporation also continues.
- 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 rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 2, 2021

The department continues closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges. As part of these efforts, today the spray evaporation system was put back into service for the NGS-North compartment as well as the pipeline to transport water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.82 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 26.4 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 7 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 10.4 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 194 trucks have hauled approximately 1,228,660 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility.
- 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 rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.
- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
- On Sept. 1, 2021, DEP issued the Notice of Draft Permit to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

- On Aug. 25, 2021, a judge issued an order 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 will now come from this receiver.
- On Aug. 5, 2021, DEP filed a complaint in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Manatee County initiating enforcement action against HRK Holdings, LLC. Learn more by reviewing DEP's [enforcement complaint](#) and a [frequently asked questions](#) document.
- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. DEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results to evaluate any environmental impact. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available. DEP is also working collaboratively with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments to cover more area and collect more data. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit TBEP's [interactive water quality dashboard](#).
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Piney Point Update – Sept. 1, 2021

Today, DEP Secretary Shawn Hamilton visited the Piney Point site to receive an update on the latest site conditions as well as meet with the new court-appointed receiver.

Overall, conditions remain stable at the site. The department is closely monitoring the weather and site conditions as we continue into the rainy season. While the new receiver transitions into his new role, water treatment will continue and the department will work to ensure that all available options to manage water onsite are being pursued in an attempt to minimize the potential need for any future treated discharges.

Today, the department also issued the [Notice of Draft Permit](#) to Manatee County for their planned Underground Injection Control Well. This project is one potential critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of the Piney Point facility once and for all, eliminating the threat from this site to the environment and the community permanently. This draft permit will be publicly noticed along with a notice of public meeting to allow an opportunity for citizens to provide input on the draft permit as well as ask questions and obtain information about the draft permit and permitting process.

Key status updates and response activities:

- The site received 0.1 inches of rain overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 25.5 inches of rain since the beginning of June, and is expected to receive at least another 7 inches by the end of September. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 11 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, trucking of water to nearby water treatment facilities has resumed. Trucking resumed on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021, and, to date, 178 trucks have hauled approximately 1,128,980 gallons of process water offsite to the Manatee County Southeast Water Reclamation Facility.
- Approximately 261 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including rainfall, water management activities and wind/associated waves in the pond.

- Innovative technology companies have been onsite treating water since April 2021, and this is ongoing. As a result of these innovative water treatment practices, nutrients, including Total Phosphorus (TP) and Total Nitrogen (TN), have been significantly reduced. To date, approximately 200 tons of TN and 150 tons of TP have been removed from ponded wastewater.
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