

Piney Point Updates September 2022



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Piney Point Update – Sept. 29, 2022

Severe weather associated with Hurricane Ian passed through the Piney Point site yesterday, producing over 6 inches of rain and strong winds. DEP was on-site this morning to conduct inspections and at this time, there is no identified damage to the compartment systems or any other water management concerns.

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

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

- The site received **6.74 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **49.2 inches** of rain since Jan. 1, 2022. In response to rain events, clean, non-contact stormwater will be conveyed as needed through the site's permitted outfall along Buckeye Road. Samples are collected at the permitted outfall during runoff events to confirm the stormwater meets the requirements of its permit.
- The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **21 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- Piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility is temporarily suspended while Manatee County meets immediate needs for water management at their facility.
- Spray evaporation in the NGS-North compartment will resume when wind conditions allow.
- 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 wind/associated waves in the pond, rainfall and water management activities.

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

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 23, 2022

DEP and the court-appointed receiver are closely monitoring information from state meteorologists regarding the development of Tropical Depression Nine, which may strengthen into Tropical Storm Hermine over the weekend.

The receiver has taken steps to ensure the site is ready to manage the potential rainfall from this tropical system. These preparations include staging backup pumps, securing heavy equipment and construction materials, and adjusting water management levels in the ponds to ensure the site can endure tropical storm force winds and rain. Generators have also been made available to safeguard against potential power outages.

Current projections are for approximately four inches of rain at the site over the next seven days, with the site having a current capacity for approximately **24 inches** of additional rainfall.

Site preparations are also underway to adjust water management levels in the ponds to ensure the site can endure tropical or hurricane force winds and rain. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate due to these water management activities, as well as ongoing piping and spray evaporation.

DEP will continue its stringent regulatory oversight. The priority remains to pursue all available water management tools to ensure safe storage capacities.

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

- The site received **1.63 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **42.42 inches** of rain since Jan. 1, 2022. In response to rain events, clean, non-contact stormwater will be conveyed as needed through the site's permitted outfall along Buckeye Road. Samples are collected at the permitted outfall during runoff events to confirm the stormwater meets the requirements of its permit.
- The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **24 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- 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, **35,721,085 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 **268 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind/associated waves in the pond, rainfall and water management activities.

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 16, 2022

The court-appointed receiver and its contractor, Forgen, LLC, have begun closure work at the at the OGS-South compartment. Contractors are grading and shaping the area so that it will no longer accumulate rainwater and eliminate the need for future rainwater releases to Port Manatee.

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

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

- The site received **3.35 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **40.79 inches** of rain since Jan. 1, 2022. In response to rain events, clean, non-contact stormwater will be conveyed as needed through the site's permitted outfall along Buckeye Road. Samples are collected at the permitted outfall during runoff events to confirm the stormwater meets the requirements of its permit.
- The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **23 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, **35,036,985 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 **269 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind/associated waves in the pond, rainfall and water management activities.
- The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners on Sept. 13, 2022, approved the agreement between Manatee County and the court-appointed receiver for the use of the county's Underground Injection Control Well and pre-treatment facility at Buckeye Road to safely remove water from the Piney Point site. This project is one critical element of the necessary water disposal that will enable the ultimate closure of Piney Point.

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 9, 2022



The court-appointed receiver and its contractor, Forgen, LLC, have begun closure work at the at the OGS-South compartment. Contractors are grading and shaping the area so that it will no longer accumulate rainwater and eliminate the need for future rainwater releases to Port Manatee.

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

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

- The site received **3 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **37.44 inches** of rain since Jan. 1, 2022. In response to rain events, clean, non-contact stormwater will be conveyed as needed through the site's permitted outfall along Buckeye Road. Samples are collected at the permitted outfall during runoff events to confirm the stormwater meets the requirements of its permit.

- The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **26.1 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site.
- As part of the site's water management efforts, piping of water to the North Regional Water Reclamation Facility resumed Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, and to date, **34,355,385 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 **265 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind/associated waves in the pond, rainfall and water management activities.
- To begin the closure work of the OGS-South, the court-appointed receiver completed removal of the rainwater from the pond that has accumulated over the last several months. Rainwater removal began on Aug. 13, 2022, and concluded early on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. To date, [sampling results](#) reflect no change in ambient water quality conditions.

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Piney Point Update – Sept. 2, 2022

The court-appointed receiver and its contractor, Forgen, LLC, have begun initial closure work at the at the OGS-South compartment. Contractors are grading and shaping the area so that it will no longer accumulate rainwater and eliminate the need for future rainwater releases to Port Manatee.

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

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

- The site received **0.74 inches** of rain this week. Piney Point has received approximately **34.44 inches** of rain since Jan. 1, 2022. In response to rain events, clean, non-contact stormwater will be conveyed as needed through the site's permitted outfall along Buckeye Road. Samples are collected at the permitted outfall during runoff events to confirm the stormwater meets the requirements of its permit.
- The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 27.4 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, **33,725,585 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 **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 wind/associated waves in the pond, rainfall and water management activities.
- To begin the closure work of the OGS-South, the court-appointed receiver completed removal of the rainwater from the pond that has accumulated over the last several months. Rainwater removal began on Aug. 13, 2022, and concluded early on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. Background and future sampling data can be found on [DEP's webpage](#).

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