

# Piney Point Updates May 2021



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## Piney Point Update - May 28, 2021

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff continues its oversight of the progress being made onsite with water treatment efforts through innovative technologies, along with the monitoring of the success of the sand placement repair in the NGS-South compartment.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and support water treatment.
- Approximately 190 million gallons are held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind and associated wave activity in the pond.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 26, 2021**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff continues its oversight of the progress being made onsite with water treatment efforts through innovative technologies, along with the monitoring of the success of the sand placement repair in the NGS-South compartment.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and support water treatment.
- Approximately 190 million gallons are held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind and associated wave activity in the pond.
- 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 - May 24, 2021



Sand placement in the NGS-South compartment concluded yesterday, which minimized the flow of concentrated seepage into the onsite lined stormwater system. It is estimated that approximately 16,400 cubic yards of sand have been added to the compartment since the operation began on May 11, 2021. The department will continue to monitor the success of this repair in the NGS-South, as well as the ongoing water treatment in OGS-North and LPWS, as short- and long-term water management strategies are identified.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and support water treatment.
- Approximately 186 million gallons are held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind and associated wave activity in the pond.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 23, 2021



Sand placement in the NGS-South compartment is expected to conclude today. As a result of this effort, the flow of concentrated seepage into the onsite lined stormwater system has been minimized. It is estimated that more than 15,300 cubic yards of sand have been added to the compartment since the operation began on May 11, 2021.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and support water treatment.
- Approximately 186 million gallons are held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including wind and associated wave activity in the pond. Wind activity from the east has decreased significantly from earlier this week and, as anticipated, today's volume readings were lower.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 22, 2021

Innovative technology companies continue to make progress in onsite water treatment efforts. DEP conducts daily sampling as part of its oversight of these efforts.

Additionally, sand placement to further reduce the flow of concentrated seepage into the onsite lined stormwater system has continued to demonstrate success.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Sand placement in the NGS-South compartment is ongoing. It is estimated that more than 14,000 cubic yards of sand have been added to the compartment since the operation began on May 11, 2021.
- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and support water treatment.
- Approximately 196 million gallons are held within the NGS-South compartment.
- 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 - May 21, 2021



DEP staff continue to monitor the progress being made with water treatment through innovative technologies and efforts to further reduce the flow of concentrated seepage into the onsite lined stormwater system. Repairs to date have proven successful and have significantly reduced the seepage flow. DEP continues onsite daily sampling to monitor water treatment efforts.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Sand placement in the NGS-South compartment is ongoing. It is estimated that more than 13,000 cubic yards of sand have been added to the compartment since the operation began on May 11, 2021.
- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and support water treatment.
- Approximately 196 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
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## Piney Point Update - May 20, 2021



Sand placement in the NGS-South compartment is ongoing. Repairs to date continue to reduce the flow of the concentrated seepage into the onsite lined stormwater system. It is estimated that more than 11,700 cubic yards of sand have been added to the compartment since the operation began on May 11, 2021.

### Key status updates and response activities:

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- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 19, 2021

Sand placement within the NGS-South compartment continues to reduce the flow of the concentrated seepage into the onsite lined stormwater system. It is estimated that more than 10,400 cubic yards of sand have been added to the compartment since the operation began on May 11, 2021.

### Key status updates and response activities:

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## Piney Point Update - May 18, 2021

DEP's Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration conducted water quality sampling in Tampa Bay today. As part of the ongoing sampling efforts being conducted in coordination with the Tampa Bay Estuary Program (TBEP) and local governments, DEP continues monitoring dissolved oxygen and water clarity, while also assessing phosphorus and nitrogen levels in water.

### Key status updates and response activities:

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- Approximately 196 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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](http://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov).



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## Piney Point Update - May 17, 2021



*Sand placement continues around the steel plate located in NGS-South.*

Sand placement continues in the NGS-South compartment to further stabilize the temporary repair and minimize the potential for additional seepage. As this project continues over the next several days, water levels are expected to fluctuate in the NGS-South compartment and in the lined on-site stormwater system.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment.
- Approximately 200 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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](http://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov).

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## Piney Point Update - May 16, 2021



*Sand placement continues around the steel plate located in NGS-South.*

Sand placement continues and it is estimated that approximately 7,100 cubic yards of sand has been placed in the NGS-South compartment to further stabilize the temporary repair and minimize the potential for additional seepage. As this project continues, water levels are expected to fluctuate in the NGS-South compartment and in the lined on-site stormwater system.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
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*Sand is stockpiled onsite and transported to the top of the gypsum stack where it is then slurried and pumped into the NGS-South compartment.*

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## Piney Point Update - May 14, 2021

Sand placement continues in the NGS-South compartment to reinforce the steel plate. The ultimate goal is to further stabilize the system and minimize the potential for additional seepage.

As this project continues, water levels are expected to fluctuate in the NGS-South compartment and in the lined on-site stormwater system.



### Key status updates and response activities:

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- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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](http://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov).

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## **Piney Point Update - May 13, 2021**

DEP continues placing sand in the NGS-South compartment to reinforce the steel plate. The ultimate goal is to further stabilize the system and minimize the potential for additional seepage.

The concentrated seepage continues to be contained onsite.

As this project continues, water levels are expected to fluctuate in the NGS-South compartment and in the lined on-site stormwater system.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

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- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment.
- Approximately 203 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 12, 2021

DEP continues placing sand in the NGS-South compartment. To date, this work has minimized the concentrated seepage, which is being contained onsite.

As this project continues, water levels can be expected to fluctuate in the NGS-South compartment.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment.
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## Piney Point Update - May 11, 2021

DEP began work today incorporating sand around the liner seam-separation inside the NGS-South compartment to reinforce the steel plate and to further reduce the potential for additional seepage. While the [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize the concentrated seepage that is being contained onsite, DEP expects additional progress and stabilization will be made with the introduction of the sand placement.



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- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been managing water within the lined storage basins onsite to safely control water levels, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
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## **Piney Point Update - May 10, 2021**

DEP continues to monitor the temporary repairs to the liner seam-separation in the NGS-South compartment. The [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize the concentrated seepage, which remains contained onsite. DEP is preparing for additional repair work to further stabilize the system.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
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## **Piney Point Update - May 9, 2021**

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### **Key status updates and response activities:**

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- Approximately 204 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
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## **Piney Point Update - May 8, 2021**

DEP continues to monitor the temporary repairs to the liner seam-separation in the NGS-South compartment. The [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize the concentrated seepage, which remains contained onsite. DEP is evaluating additional opportunities for repairs.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

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- Approximately 204 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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.
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## **Piney Point Update - May 7, 2021**

DEP continues to monitor the temporary repairs to the liner seam-separation in the NGS-South compartment. The [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize the concentrated seepage, which remains contained onsite. DEP is evaluating additional opportunities for repairs.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
- Approximately 204 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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](http://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov).

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## **Piney Point Update - May 6, 2021**

DEP continues to monitor the temporary repairs to the liner seam-separation in the NGS-South compartment. The [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize concentrated seepage, and remains contained onsite.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
- Approximately 204 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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](http://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov).

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## Piney Point Update - May 5, 2021

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) surface water samplers continue onsite daily monitoring to maintain oversight of sampling methods and protocols for water treatment efforts. Response efforts at the site remain ongoing and unchanged.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
- Approximately 204 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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](#). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 4, 2021**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) surface water samplers continue onsite daily monitoring to maintain oversight of sampling methods and protocols for water treatment efforts.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
- Approximately 204 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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. Sampling results to date currently range between non-detect to normal/background levels. 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 in the area. Currently, [FWC sampling results](#) in and near the localized area of discharges in Manatee County remain within the range of non-detect to low concentrations of *K. brevis* (a species of red tide). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 3, 2021

Today, DEP and dive teams utilized submerged cameras and technology to continue monitoring the [stone aggregate](#), [geo-composite](#) and [steel plate](#) repairs in NGS-South. Based on today's assessment, the concentrated seepage in NGS-South continues to be controlled and stabilized on-site.

### Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
- Approximately 205 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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. Sampling results to date currently range between non-detect to normal/background levels. 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 in the area. Currently, [FWC sampling results](#) in the localized area of discharges in Manatee County remain within the range of non-detect to low concentrations of *K. brevis* (a species of red tide). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 2, 2021**

DEP continues to monitor the temporary repairs to the liner seam-separation in NGS-South compartment. The [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize concentrated seepage, and remains contained onsite.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

- Discharges to Port Manatee ceased April 9, 2021, and have not resumed at this time. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.
- DEP has been methodically relocating water among the lined storage basins onsite to safely manage water, respond to rainfall events and initiate water treatment. Water levels can be expected to fluctuate daily due to these water management activities, as well as evaporation.
- Approximately 196 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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. Sampling results to date currently range between non-detect to normal/background levels. 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 in the area. Currently, [FWC sampling results](#) in the localized area of discharges in Manatee County remain within the range of non-detect to low concentrations of *K. brevis* (a species of red tide). There are no reported fish kills in this area. 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 - May 1, 2021**

DEP continues to monitor the temporary repairs to the liner seam-separation in NGS-South compartment. The [steel plate](#), [stone aggregate](#) and [geo-composite material](#) continue to minimize concentrated seepage, and remains contained onsite.

### **Key status updates and response activities:**

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- Approximately 198 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment.
- 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. Sampling results to date currently range between non-detect to normal/background levels. Results will continue to be posted as soon as they are available.
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