

Piney Point Updates November 2021



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Piney Point Update – Nov. 30, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes):

- The site received **no rain** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 35.2 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **15.7 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall through the end of December is approximately two 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, **8,073,063 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **250 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 Nov. 24, 2021 DEP issued the [Notice of Intent to Issue](#) Permit to Manatee County for their planned underground injection control well. DEP has determined that Manatee County's application to construct and test an underground injection control well and an associated dual zone monitor well meets all applicable regulations for protection of ground water resources and the environment following a thorough review, which included 12 requests for additional information and approximately 7,356 public comments.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 29, 2021

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 (**bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):

- The site received **0.10 inches** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **35.2 inches** of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **15.9 inches**. This capacity is expected to change with rainfall amounts, as well as adjusted water management activities at the site. At this time, expected rainfall **through the end of December is approximately two 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, **7,982,343 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **248 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 Nov. 24, 2021 DEP issued the [Notice of Intent to Issue](#) Permit to Manatee County for their planned underground injection control well. DEP has determined that Manatee County's application to construct and test an underground injection control well and an associated dual zone monitor well meets all applicable regulations for protection of ground water resources and the environment following a thorough review, which included 12 requests for additional information and approximately 7,356 public comments.
- 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 – Nov. 24, 2021

After a thorough review, which included 12 requests for additional information and approximately 7,356 public comments, DEP has determined that Manatee County's application to construct and test an underground injection control well and an associated dual zone monitor well meets all applicable regulations for protection of ground water resources and the environment. Therefore, today, DEP issued a [Notice of Intent to Issue](#) the permit.

This project is one potential element of the necessary water removal 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. DEP continues to support the court-appointed receiver on his next steps to manage and treat water at the facility, and to ultimately complete a final closure of the site in a safe manner as quickly as possible.

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

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 35.1 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **15.8 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 one inch.
- 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, **7,506,743 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **249 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 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 – Nov. 23, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes):

- The site received **0.1 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **35.1 inches** of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 14.9 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 **one inch**.
- 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, **7,412,743 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **251 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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.
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Piney Point Update – Nov. 22, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 35 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **14.9 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 1.5 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, **7,314,863 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **250 million gallons** are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 19, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received **0.05 inches of rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 35 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.6 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 1.5 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, **7,020,559 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 254 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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.
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Beginning today, Nov. 19, 2021, the department will only be distributing Piney Point updates on weekdays. Updates will no longer be distributed on weekends or state holidays, unless there is a significant development. The Piney Point update page will remain a resource for the most up-to-date information.

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Piney Point Update – Nov. 18, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.94 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.6 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 1.5 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, **6,923,215 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 254 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 17, 2021

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.

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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, **6,827,175 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 254 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 – Nov. 16, 2021

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

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- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.94 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.2 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 1.5 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, **6,639,755 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **255 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 14, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.94 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.9 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 1.5 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, **6,544,355 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **254 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 13, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes):

- The site received **0.03 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **34.94 inches** of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.3 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 1.5 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, **6,449,315 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **256 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 12, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes):

- The site received **0.03 inches** of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **34.91 inches** of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.1 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 1.5 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, **6,357,515 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **257 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 11, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.88 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13.1 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 1.5 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, **6,261,035 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **258 million** gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 10, 2021

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 (**bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.88 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **13 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 **1.5 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, **6,169,630 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **259 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 9, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes**):**

- The site received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.88 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 12.9 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 2 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, **6,071,510 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 260 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 8, 2021

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 (bolded and underlined language reflects changes):

- The site received **no rainfall** overnight. Piney Point has received approximately **34.88 inches** of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately **12.9 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 2 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, **5,975,030 gallons** have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately **260 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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's [interactive water quality dashboard](#) details sampling locations and corresponding results collected from April through October 2021 to evaluate any environmental impact. For a comprehensive view of all sampling in Tampa Bay related to Piney Point, visit Tampa Bay Estuary Program'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 – Nov. 7, 2021

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 received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.88 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 13 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 2 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, 5,876,390 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 260 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 6, 2021

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 received 1.66 inches of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 34.88 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 12.6 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 2 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, 5,784,930 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 260 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 5, 2021

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 received 1.15 inches of rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 33 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 13.4 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 2 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, 5,685,470 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 259 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 4, 2021

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 received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 32 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 14.4 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 2 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, 5,586,110 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 258 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 3, 2021

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 received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 32 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 14.2 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 2 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, 5,486,510 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 259 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 2, 2021

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 received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 32 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 14 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 2.5 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, 5,391,410 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 260 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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 – Nov. 1, 2021

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 received no rainfall overnight. Piney Point has received approximately 32 inches of rain since the beginning of June. The current storage capacity for additional rainfall at the site is approximately 13.9 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 2.5 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, 5,202,770 gallons have been transferred. Spray evaporation also continues.
- Approximately 262 million gallons are currently held within the NGS-South compartment. Pond level readings are expected to fluctuate due to a host of factors, including 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 was 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. Those comments are currently being reviewed.
- 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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