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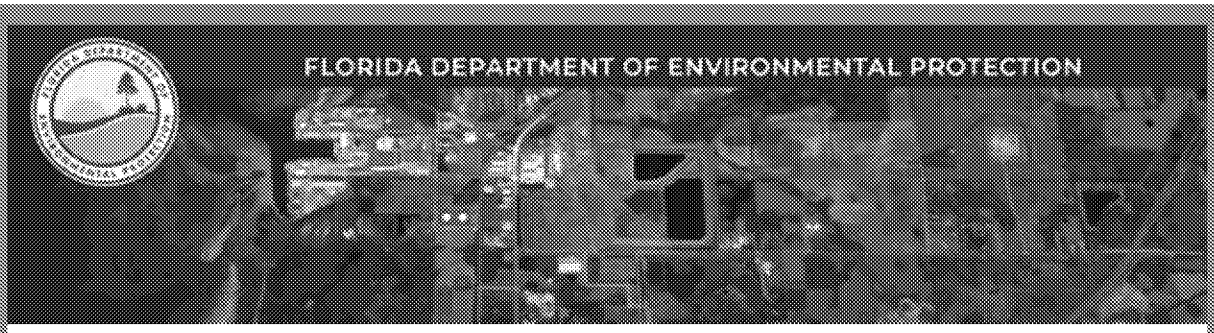

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Piney Point Update - April 15, 2021

Chief Science Officer Dr. Rains (right) on-site working with DEP's geologists conduct ground penetrating radar.

The department remains fully engaged in first response activities and is diligently monitoring conditions at the site.

On Tuesday afternoon, a low-level flow was observed from the concentrated seepage area on the east wall of NGS-South compartment. Dive crews immediately arrived on-scene and identified a small detachment underneath the plate placed over the liner seam separation. At this time, the low-level flow rate appears to be consistent. Assessment and repair efforts continue.

DEP's Florida Geological Survey, in consultation with Dr. Mark Rains, DEP's Chief Science Officer, is currently on-site completing ground penetrating radar to further assess the concentrated seepage.

Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee remain ceased. The department is working rigorously to get innovative technologies up and running as quickly as possible. It is the department's focus to ensure that, if possible, any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize any ecological impacts.
- Approximately 215 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment. Elevation and volume will likely fluctuate as innovative technologies are deployed to initiate water treatment.
- 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.
- There are no reported fish kills in the area.

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

Ground penetrating radar at NGS-South.

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