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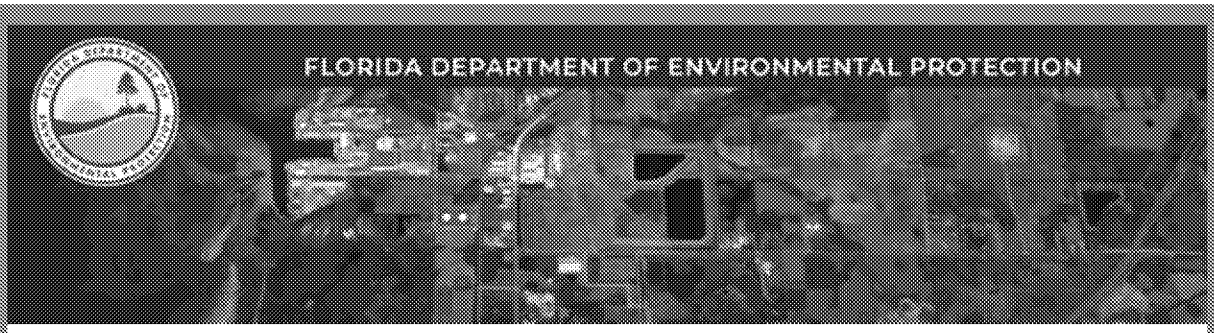

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Piney Point Update - April 16, 2021

Dr. Ping Wang of USF's School of Geosciences utilizing bathymetry to survey the NGS-South.

Today, the University of South Florida's School of Geosciences began utilizing bathymetry in the NGS-South to survey and further assess the compartment.

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 and repair efforts continue.

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.

- DEP continues to monitor and sample surrounding waterways following previous discharges. At this time, bloom conditions have been observed in the localized area of previous discharges. To date, results have ranged from non-detect to trace (0.34 ppb) levels of cyanotoxins. 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.

- Approximately 213 million gallons remain in the NGS-South compartment. Elevation and volume will likely fluctuate as innovative technologies are deployed to initiate water treatment.

- 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.

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