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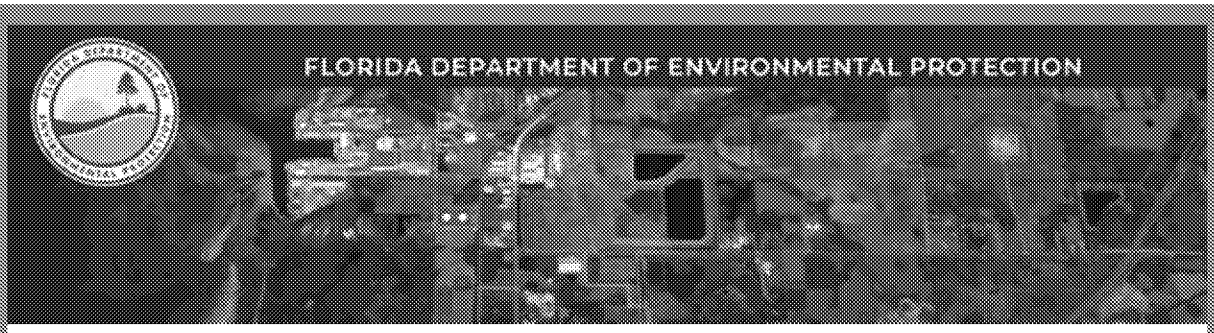

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Piney Point Update - April 17, 2021

Today, surface water samplers from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) were onsite reviewing innovative technology sampling methods and protocols. It remains DEP's priority, if possible, to ensure any future necessary discharges are pre-treated to minimize ecological impacts.

Key status updates and response activities:

- Discharges to Port Manatee remain ceased. DEP is working rigorously to get innovative technologies up and running as quickly as possible.
- DEP is making preparations to manage increased stormwater onsite ahead of early week forecasts of rain and wind.
- Approximately 205 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. 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.
- 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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