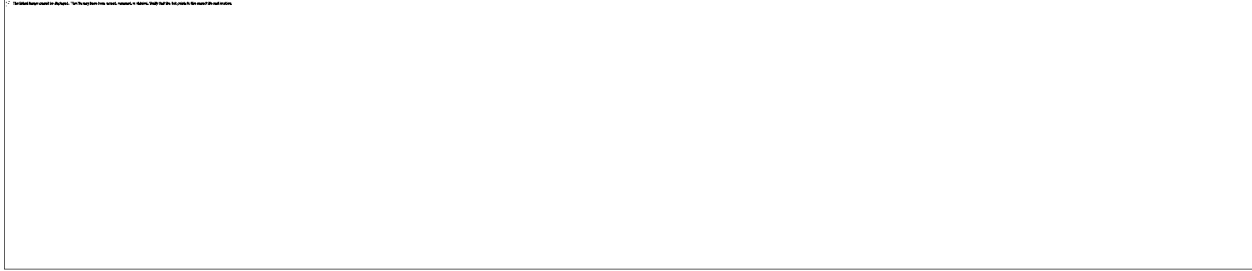


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Gov. Scott, Senate President Negrón Tour St. Lucie River
~\$700,000 Coming to Martin County to Clean Up Algal Blooms~



STUART, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott was joined by Senate President Joe Negrón to tour the St. Lucie River and areas impacted by blue-green algae caused by Lake Okeechobee water releases controlled by the federal government. The Governor is providing \$700,000 in funding to Martin County to help clean up algal blooms. This funding is part of a \$3 million grant program directed by Governor Scott through the emergency order he issued last month.

Last month, the Governor toured the Caloosahatchee River and areas on the west coast of Florida that are seeing impacts. In June, Governor Scott visited the South Florida Water Management District, was briefed on the algae blooms and directed DEP to take additional steps to move more water south of Lake Okeechobee.

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