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MDEQ Lifts Water Contact Advisory for Station in Pass Christian No Stations Under An Advisory

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory Tuesday for the following beach monitoring station:

• Station 5 – Pass Christian West Beach – from Fort Henry east to Elliott Avenue.

Water samples at this station show the area has attained acceptable bacteria levels. The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, which performs water sampling of the Mississippi Gulf Coast beaches for MDEQ, notifies the agency when an area returns to acceptable levels and safe conditions. There are currently no stations under an advisory.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program is available at: <u>http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi</u>.

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