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MDEQ's Fisher to Leave Agency This Summer

(JACKSON, Miss.) – Trudy Fisher, Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), announced today that she is leaving the agency this year.

“I informed Governor Bryant earlier today that I planned on stepping down from my position sometime late this summer. I feel good about where things are at MDEQ and feel the time is right to make a transition.

“These years have been a labor of love for me, a calling of sorts. MDEQ is part of my family and always will be. This has not been an easy decision for me, despite believing this is the right time. I will miss my everyday interactions with the more than 400 men and women who suit up every day in service to their neighbors. There is a special energy that drives an ‘agency of action’ and a special heart in every person who chooses the path of service to others. It has been my privilege to be their leader, and I will always be watching out for them,” said Trudy Fisher.

“I want to thank Trudy Fisher for her more than seven years of service as the executive director of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality,” said Governor Phil Bryant. “During her time with MDEQ her hard work has been critical to the state after disasters like Hurricane Katrina and leading the recovery from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. I wish her well in all her future endeavors. We’ll work with her during this transitional stage regarding her replacement.”

Fisher plans to remain fully engaged at MDEQ until the Governor names a successor and assist with the transition before seeking other employment opportunities outside of state

government.

A full statement from Trudy Fisher is available at www.deq.state.ms.us and www.restore.ms.

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