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MDEQ Lifts Beach Closure in Gulfport

No Stations Under An Advisory

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted a beach closure for a station in Gulfport issued June 10:

● **Station 10 – Gulfport Central Beach – from Alfonso Drive east to Arkansas 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 no stations across the Mississippi Gulf Coast under an advisory.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program and the stations under an advisory, if any, are available at: <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>.

To receive beach advisories directly, send an email to rwilbur@deq.state.ms.us for inclusion in a public group email list, text "MDEQbeach" to 95577, or follow MDEQ on Twitter: @MDEQ.

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