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## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## **MDEQ Lifts Beach Closure in Bay St. Louis**

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a beach closure for a section of beach in Bay St. Louis that was issued August 11. The closure extended from Carroll Avenue to Julia Street.

Water samples 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.

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

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