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MDEQ Lifts Beach Closures in Biloxi and Pass Christian

(Jackson, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted two beach closures Thursday that were issued September 8 for sections of beach in Biloxi and Pass Christian. In Biloxi the section extended from Beauvoir east to Sadler Beach Drive. The other closure was issued for Station 7, Pass Christian East Beach, which spans from Espy Avenue to Hayden Avenue. The closures were issued due to sewage bypasses at two lift stations.

Water samples show the areas have 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.

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

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