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MDEQ LIFTS BEACH ADVISORY AND BEACH CLOSURE

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted a closure previously issued January 26 for the following station:

- Station 10 -- U.S. Naval Home/Veterans Hospital -- near Oak Avenue in Gulfport from Alfonso Drive eastward to the VA Main Entrance.

And, an advisory issued January 26 is also lifted:

- Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor which is located near Pratt Avenue in Gulfport.

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.

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

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