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(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted a beach closure issued August 31 for the following monitoring station in Biloxi:

Station 12 A - Biloxi West Central (Rodenberg Avenue) -- extends from Travia Street on the west to Iberville Drive on the east.

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.

All other stations, except 11A, remain on advisory. Station 11A (Edgewater Beach) was opened September 14. Testing has resumed at most stations following Hurricane Isaac and MDEQ anticipates removing advisories for more stations soon.

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

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