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Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted a beach closure issued October 13 in Biloxi. The closure extended for a section of beach from Mockingbird Lane on the west to Edgewater Drive on the east and included Beach Station 11A -- Edgewater Beach.

Saturday the City of Biloxi reported a sewage bypass at Highway 90 and Gateway Boulevard and a pump station problem. Samples taken found no contamination in the area of Station 11A, and the city made repairs to the pump station within two or three hours of the reported bypass. In addition, the city took remedial actions which limited the amount of wastewater that may have reached the Mississippi Sound. Sampling has indicated no water contamination remains.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program:

<http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>.

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