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## **MDEQ LIFTS BEACH CLOSURES FOR SEVERAL STATIONS** *Nine Stations in Harrison and Jackson Counties Opened Friday*

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted beach closures issued August 31 for the following monitoring stations in Harrison and Jackson Counties:

### **Harrison County:**

Station 8 -- Gulfport West -- west end at Marie Avenue to the east end at Camp Avenue;  
Station 12 A -- Biloxi West Central -- extends from Travia Street on the west to Iberville Drive on the east;  
Station 12B -- Porter Avenue -- west end at St. Peter Street to the east end at Dukate Street;  
Station 13A -- Biloxi East -- west end at Dukate Street to east end at Kuhn Street.

### **Jackson County:**

Station 14 -- Front Beach -- from the front of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club to Jackson Avenue;  
Station 15 -- Shearwater Beach -- from mouth of Weeks Bayou to Ashley Place;  
Station 17 -- St. Andrews Beach -- west end of the bulkhead to east end of the bulkhead;

Station 19 -- Pascagoula West -- west end at Oliver Street to east end at Westwood;  
Station 20 -- Pascagoula East -- west end of Westwood to the east end at Grand Oaks.

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 and safe conditions.

For more information on what stations are open and closed, access the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program at: <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>.

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