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(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 Hancock and Harrison Counties:

*Station 1 -- Lakeshore Beach near Lakeshore Drive in Bay St. Louis. The extent is from the Sliver Slipper Casino eastward to the jetty west of Poinset Avenue.

*Station 2 -- Buccaneer State Park Beach near State Park Road in Waveland. The extent is from 100 yards west of the sign eastward to 100 yards east of the sign.

*Station 3 -- Waveland Beach near Vacation Lane in Waveland. The extent is from Oak Boulevard eastward to Favre Street.

*Station 4 -- Bay St. Louis Beach near St. Charles Street in Bay St. Louis. The extent is from the box culvert eastward to Ballantine Street.

*Station 7 -- Pass Christian East Beach near Shadow Lawn Avenue in Pass Christian. The extent is from Espy Avenue eastward to Hayden Avenue.

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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