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**MDEQ LIFTS WATER CONTACT CLOSURE FOR LOCATION IN  
GULFPORT**

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), has lifted the water contact closure that was issued May 31 for a section of beach in Gulfport. MDEQ sampling indicates bacteria levels are acceptable for water contact.

The section extended from 41st Avenue near the West Side Pier east to 33rd Avenue near the Island View Casino. The closure was issued due to a sewage spill.

To receive beach advisories directly, send an email to [rwilbur@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:rwilbur@deq.state.ms.us) for inclusion in a public group email list or follow MDEQ on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/MDEQ>.

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