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## **MDEQ Lifts Beach Closure in Pass Christian**

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

Station 5 -- Pass Christian West –from Fort Henry Avenue east to Elliot Street.

Water samples 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.

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.

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