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## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## **MDEQ Lifts Two Water Contact Advisories**

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted two water contact advisories issued August 10 for the following beach monitoring stations:

- •Station 12B -- Porter Avenue Beach in Biloxi from St. Peter Street east to Dukate Street.
- •Station 14 -- Front Beach in Ocean Springs from in front of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club east to Jackson Avenue.

Water samples at these stations 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.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program is available at: <a href="http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi">http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi</a>.

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