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**MDEQ JULY 19 UPDATE ON OIL MATERIAL IN MISSISSIPPI**

BILOXI, Miss. – Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) staff through aerial surveillance with the Mississippi National Guard, MDEQ response staff, and Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams (SCAT) have observed the following Monday (as of 7:00 p.m.) and sent to Unified Command for review and appropriate response:

**Flight information:**

- MDEQ staff flew boom patrol. Reported one sheen about 150 feet by 50 feet.
- MDEQ staff flew from shore line to six miles beyond the islands from state line to state line and reported no visible oil in state waters.

**Other Information from MDEQ staff:**

- No reported oil material on shore.

**Beach Advisories:**

- The beach advisories in Harrison County, Hancock County, and Jackson County remain in effect. They are listed at: <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>.
- Under an advisory, the beaches are open to use; however, MDEQ and the Beach Monitoring Task Force recommend that people avoid contact with oil-related materials such as tar balls and tar mats and stay out of the water if these materials are visible.

More information and links about MDEQ's and DMR's roles in oil spill response are available at [www.deq.state.ms.us/oilspill](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/oilspill) and [www.dmr.state.ms.us/DMR/oil-spill.htm](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us/DMR/oil-spill.htm). Water sampling information available at: <http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/oilspillmap> and air monitoring data at: <http://gulfcoast.airnowtech.org>.

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