

DO YOU FISH, SWIM or BOAT on Back Bay in Harrison County?

The E. Biloxi sewer plant could release 18.5 million gallons of poorly treated sewer water into the Back Bay and Keegan Bayou every day if their permit is renewed.



DID YOU ALSO KNOW?

- The county is requesting a permit to treat sewage to the minimum levels required before it is discharged into the Back Bay.
- Every time it rains, E. Biloxi smells like the raw sewage that overflows into the Back Bay..
- The county & state DEQ has done nothing to prevent the release of harmful pollutants such as nitrogen, phosphorous and pharmaceutical chemicals.
- During testing for toxic pollutants, the treatment plant discovered harmful CYANIDE in a sample of “treated waste water”.
- Taking care of the Back Bay would be the greatest improvement to our water quality, infrastructure, quality of life, tourism and property values for the County.

SEND PUBLIC COMMENTS TO:

MS Enviro. Quality Permit Board

PO Box 2261

Jackson, Mississippi 39225

ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 5th.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS:

Contact- Terese Collins

@ (228) 435-1099 or

Attny. Mitch Kalom @ 228-

436-4444 ext.103 or

Jeff Grimes @ 504-525-1528
ext. 205.

Join your neighbors for a public hearing to let our City, State and Federal officials know:

- We CARE and want BETTER. Please stop permitting sub-standard sewer treatment!
- We want the Back Bay and the Keegan Bayou to be a beautiful resource & attraction.
- Stop permitting the minimum and modernize the plant to treat to more advanced levels.
- Perform weekly tests to reveal the actual levels of harmful sewage related contaminants that are in our water (such as nitrogen and phosphorous).
- Tell the public where unsafe levels of sewage are being discharged into the Back Bay and what health risks exist.

MS Dept. of Environmental Quality PUBLIC HEARING:

WHEN: Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 PM

WHERE: Biloxi Community Center- 591 Howard Ave, Biloxi.

<<<<If you would like assistance in preparing a public comment or testimony, contact us.

YES, I the undersigned believe that MDEQ should require Harrison County to:

- 1) Tell the public where unsafe levels of sewage are discharged from the E. Biloxi Sewage Plant into the Back Bay and what health risks exist in this area by studying “mixing” in the Back Bay.
- 2) Change the permit’s limit so that the plant’s output is only the amount it was designed for (10 million gallons per day) and so the plant’s output only flows into the Back Bay, and not in Keegan Bayou.
- 3) Require weekly tests for sewage related contaminants flowing into the Back Bay (Nitrogen and Phosphorus).
- 4) Upgrade the E. Biloxi Sewage Treatment plant to modern sewage treatment processes so that the Back Bay can be preserved as a valuable Coastal resource.
- 5) Amend the proposed sewage plant permit to include restrictions on cyanide output.

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