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## ***Gov. Phil Bryant unveils architectural designs for beach storm water outfalls***

BILOXI, Miss. – Gov. Phil Bryant unveiled the architectural designs today for the first phase of beach storm water outfalls to be placed in Harrison County.

This phase features the construction of three beach storm water outfalls to be built over existing outfall pipes along the sand beach to help reduce the number of these pipes in Harrison County. The beach storm water outfalls will be constructed using funds received through the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA).

“These new water outfalls along the Mississippi Gulf Coast will dramatically improve the visual aesthetic along our beaches and reduce sand erosion that is common,” Gov. Bryant said. “Phase I of this project will see three of the water outfalls built on the Biloxi beaches, and I’m excited to see the final product come to fruition.”

With assistance from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR), the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Development Authority, the project will provide a greater appeal to the beach in Harrison County and help eliminate a large number of these outfall pipes.

“The Department of Marine Resources will oversee Phase I of the beach storm water outfalls project and it will soon go out for bid,” MDMR Executive Director Joe Spraggins said. “The Mississippi Gulf Coast boasts 26 miles of wonderful beaches, and I know this will be a great addition to them.”

Work on Phase I will begin after the bid process is completed and the project is awarded.

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