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**MDEQ Lifts Water Contact Advisory at Buccaneer State Park Beach
*Five Other Advisories in Effect***

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory Wednesday for sampling station 2 at Buccaneer State Park. Advisories are still in effect for stations 3, 11, 12A, 14, and 15.

The advisory was lifted for:

► **Station 2 -- Buccaneer State Park Beach -- near State Park Road in Waveland. The extent is from 100 yards west of sign eastward to 100 yards east of sign.**

Advisories are still in effect for:

► **Station 3 -- Waveland Beach -- from Oak Blvd. east to Favre St.**

► **Station 11 -- Gulfport East Beach -- from Tegarden east to Anniston Ave.**

► **Station 12A -- Biloxi West Central Beach -- from Travia St. east to Iberville Dr.**

► **Station 14 -- Front Beach -- near Martin Ave. in Ocean Springs. The extent is from the Yacht Club eastward to Jackson Ave.**

► **Station 15 – Shearwater Beach (Ocean Springs) – from Weeks Bayou east to Ashley.**

These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in these areas.

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisories will be lifted. Swimmers are reminded that the Beach Task Force has a standing recommendation that swimming not occur during or within 24 hours of a significant rainfall event.

More information about the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program and the status of beach advisories is available at: <http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches>. A list of Frequently Asked Questions about the program can be found at: <http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches/moreinfo.html>.

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