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### MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### MDEQ Lifts Water Contact Advisory for Station in Biloxi One Station Still Under Advisory

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory that was issued March 13 for the following beach monitoring station:

# • Station 12B – Biloxi East Central Beach – from St. Peter Street east to Dukate Street.

Water samples at this station show the area has 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.

An advisory is still in effect for this station:

## •Station 10 – Gulfport Central Beach – from Alfonso Drive east to Arkansas Avenue.

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisory will be lifted.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program is available at: http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi.

To receive beach advisories directly, send an email to rwilbur@deq.state.ms.us for

inclusion in a public group email list, text "MDEQbeach" to 95577, or follow MDEQ on Twitter: @MDEQ.

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