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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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MDEQ Lifts Water Contact Advisory for Station in Gulfport

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

• Station 10B – East Courthouse Road Beach – from Courthouse Road east to Tegarden Road.

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. There are currently no stations under an advisory.

An advisory issued April 9 is still in effect for:

•Station 9 – Gulfport Harbor Beach – from 20th Avenue east to Thornton Avenue.

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

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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