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MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisories in Hancock and Harrison Counties

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued water contact advisories Friday for sampling stations in Hancock County and Harrison County. These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in these areas.

MDEQ is working closely with local officials to advise residents that the water in the following locations may have high bacteria levels:

Hancock County

- Station 1 – Lakeshore -- from the Sliver Slipper Casino eastward to the jetty west of Poinset Avenue.
- Station 3 – Waveland -- from Oak Blvd east to Farve St.
- Station 4 -- Bay St. Louis -- from the box culvert east to Ballantine St.

Harrison County

- Station 5 -- Past Christian West -- from Fort Henry Ave east to Elliot St.
- Station 7A -- Long Beach -- from Oak Gardens east to Girard.
- Station 10 -- Gulfport Central -- from Alfonso Dr. east to Arkansas Ave.

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisories will be lifted. The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, which performs water sampling of the Mississippi Gulf Coast beaches for MDEQ, notifies the agency when an area has returned

to acceptable levels.

Additionally, 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 on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program: <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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