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**MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisories for Locations in
Harrison County**
Four Advisories Lifted

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued water contact advisories Wednesday for three sampling stations in Harrison County. These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in this area. Six advisories in Harrison and Jackson counties remain in effect and four have been lifted.

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

Harrison County:

- ▶ Station 5 -- Pass Christian West Beach - from Fort Henry Avenue to Elliot Street.
- ▶ Station 7A -- Long Beach - from Oak Gardens east to Girard Avenue.
- ▶ Station 8 -- Gulfport West Beach -- from Marie Avenue to east end of Camp Avenue.

The following advisories remain in effect:

Harrison County:

- ▶ Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor Beach -- from 20th Avenue east to Thornton Avenue.
- ▶ Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Drive east to Arkansas Avenue.

- ▶ Station 10B – East Courthouse Road Beach – from Courthouse Road east to Tegarden Road.
- ▶ Station 11 – Gulfport East Beach – from Tegarden Road east to Anniston Avenue.
- ▶ Station 12B – Biloxi East Central Beach – from St. Peter Street east to Dukate Street.

Jackson County:

- ▶ Station 15 – Shearwater Beach – from Weeks Bayou to Ashley Place.

The following advisories have been lifted:

Harrison County:

- ▶ Station 11A – Edgewater Beach – from Debuys Road east to Edgewater Avenue.
- ▶ Station 12A – Biloxi West Central Beach – from Travia Avenue east to Iberville Drive.
- ▶ Station 13A – Biloxi East Beach – from Dukate Street east to Kuhn Street.

Jackson County:

- ▶ Station 14 – Front Beach – from the Ocean Springs Yacht Club to Jackson Avenue.

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.

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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