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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a water contact advisory Friday for sampling station 11A in Biloxi—Edgewater Beach.

This segment of beach is not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in this area.

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

► ***Station 11A -- Edgewater Beach -- from Debuys Road east to Edgewater Avenue.***

Advisories are still in effect for:

► ***Station 5 -- Pass Christian West Beach -- from Fort Henry Avenue east to Elliot Street.***

► ***Station 7 -- Pass Christian East Beach -- from Espy Avenue east to Hayden Avenue.***

▶ *Station 8 -- Gulfport West Beach -- from Marie Avenue to Camp Avenue.*

▶ *Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Drive to Arkansas Avenue.*

▶ *Station 10B -- East Courthouse Road Beach -- from Courthouse Road to Tegarden Road.*

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>.

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