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(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted water contact advisories for two beach monitoring stations on Friday. Water samples at these station show the areas have attained acceptable bacteria levels. There is currently one other station under an advisory.

Advisories have been lifted for the following stations:

- ► Station 11 -- Gulfport East Beach -- from Tegarden to Anniston Avenue.
- ► Station 12A -- Biloxi West Central Beach -- from Travia Street to Iberville Drive.

The following station is still under advisory:

► Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor Beach -- from 20th Avenue eastward to Thornton Avenue.

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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