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## **MDEQ Issues Three Water Contact Advisories**

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued three water contact advisories Thursday for Stations 2, 3, and 7A.

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:

- ► Station 2 Buccaneer State Park Beach -- the extent is from 100 yards west of the sign eastward to 100 yards east of the sign.
- ► Station 3 -- Waveland Beach from Oak Boulevard to Favre Street.
- ► Station 7A -- Long Beach -- from Oak Gardens Avenue to Girard 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: <a href="http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches">http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches</a>.

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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