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MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisories

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued water contact advisories Wednesday for four sampling stations. 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 10B -- East Courthouse Road Beach -- from Courthouse Road eastward to Tegarden Road (Harrison County).
- Station 11A -- Edgewater Beach -- from Debuys Road east to Edgewater Avenue (Harrison County)..
- Station 12A -- Biloxi West Central Beach -- from Travia Street east to Iberville Drive (Harrison County)..
- Station 15 -- Shearwater Beach -- from Weeks Bayou eastward to Ashley Place (Jackson County)..

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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