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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a water contact advisory Thursday for Station 10 in Gulfport. One other advisory for Station 11 previously issued is still in effect. 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 location may have high bacteria levels:

► Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Drive east to Arkansas Avenue.

This station remains under advisory:

► Station 11 -- Gulfport East Beach -- from Tegarden Road east to Anniston 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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