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## **MDEQ Lifts Water Contact Advisory for Station in Gulfport** *No Advisories Across the Coast*

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory for one beach monitoring station in Gulfport on Friday. There are currently no stations across the Mississippi Gulf Coast under an advisory.

The advisory has been lifted for:

- ▶ Station 9 – Gulfport Harbor Beach – from 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue east to Thornton Avenue.

Water samples at this station show the area has attained acceptable bacteria levels. The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, which performs water sampling of the Mississippi Gulf Coast beaches for MDEQ, notifies the agency when an area returns to acceptable levels and safe conditions.

More on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program and the current status of the beach monitoring stations can be found at: <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>. Background information about the program and answers to Frequently Asked Questions are at this link: <http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/faq.htm>.

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