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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a water contact advisory Saturday for sampling station 10 in Gulfport. This segment of beach is not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in this area. An advisory for station 15 issued July 1 is still in effect.

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 Dr. east to Arkansas Ave.

An advisory is still in effect for one other station:

Station 15 -- Shearwater Beach near Holcomb Blvd. in Ocean Springs. The extent is from Weeks Bayou eastward to Ashley Place.

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>. A list of Frequently Asked Questions about the program can be found at: <http://opcgis.deq.state.ms.us/beaches/moreinfo.html>.

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