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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued six water contact advisories Saturday. These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in this area.

MDEQ is working closely with local officials to advise residents that the water in the following location may have high bacteria levels:

► **Station 1 -- Lakeshore Beach -- near Lakeshore Drive, Bay St. Louis. The extent is from the Silver Slipper Casino eastward to Poinset.**

► **Station 5 -- Pass Christian West Beach -- near Lady Mary Ave., Pass Christian -- from Fort Henry Ave. eastward to Elliot St.**

► **Station 6 -- Pass Christian Central Beach -- near Church Ave., Pass Christian -- from Henderson Ave. east to Heirn Ave.**

► **Station 7 -- Pass Christian East Beach -- near Shadow Lawn Ave., Pass Christian -- from Espy Ave. east to Hayden Ave.**

► **Station 15 -- Shearwater Beach -- near Holcomb Blvd., Ocean Springs -- from Weeks Bayou east to Ashley Place.**

► **Station 19 -- Pascagoula Beach West -- near Oliver St., Pascagoula -- from Oliver St. eastward to Westwood St.**

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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