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(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted water contact advisories for one beach monitoring station on Thursday. Water samples at this station show the areas have attained acceptable bacteria levels. There are currently four other stations under an advisory.

Advisories have been lifted for the following station:

► Station 5 – Pass Christian West Beach -- from Fort Henry Ave to Elliot St.

The following stations are still under advisory:

- ► Station 1-- Lakeshore Beach-- from Silver Slipper Casino eastward to Poinset.
- ► Station 6 Pass Christian Central Beach from Henderson Ave to Heirn Ave.
- ► Station 15 Shearwater Beach from Weeks Bayou eastward to Ashley.
- ► Station 19 Pascagoula Beach West from Oliver eastward to Westwood.

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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