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(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, placed water contact advisories for two beach monitoring stations on Friday. Water samples at these stations show the areas have exceeded acceptable bacteria levels. There are currently four other stations under an advisory, bringing the total number of advisories to six.

Advisories have been posted for the following stations:

- ▶ Station 11 – Gulfport East – from Tegarden eastward to Anniston Ave.
- ▶ Station 13A – Biloxi East – from Dukate eastward to Kuhn 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>.

To receive beach advisories directly, send an email to rwilbur@deq.state.ms.us for inclusion in a public group email list, text "MDEQbeach" to 95577, or follow MDEQ on Twitter: @MDEQ.

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