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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory Tuesday for sampling station 10B – East Courthouse Road Beach in Gulfport. The agency also issued an additional advisory for station 4 in Bay St. Louis. Advisories remain in effect for stations 1, 5, 7, 7A, 11, 11A, 14, and 15.

The advisory is lifted for:

► **Station 10B -- East Courthouse Road Beach in Gulfport -- from Courthouse Rd. east to Tegarden Rd.**

An advisory is issued for:

► **Station 4 -- Bay St. Louis Beach -- near St. Charles St. -- from the Box Culvert east to Ballantine St.**

Advisories are still in effect for:

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

- ▶ **Station 5 – Pass Christian West Beach from Fort Henry Ave. east to Elliot St.**
- ▶ **Station 7 -- Pass Christian East Beach -- from Espy Ave. east to Hayden Ave.**
- ▶ **Station 7A -- Long Beach Beach -- from Oak Gardens east to Girard Ave.**
- ▶ **Station 11 -- Gulfport East Beach -- from Tegarden Rd. east to Anniston Ave.**
- ▶ **Station 11A -- Edgewater Beach in Biloxi -- from Debuys Rd. east to Edgewater Ave.**
- ▶ **Station 14 -- Front Beach -- near Martin Ave. in Ocean Springs. The extent is from the Yacht Club east to Jackson Ave.**
- ▶ **Station 15 – Shearwater Beach in Ocean Springs – from Weeks Bayou east to Ashley.**

These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in these areas.

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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