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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 (Gulfport Central Beach). Advisories remain in effect for stations 1, 7, and 8.

The advisory was issued for:

► **Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- near one quarter mile east of Oak Ave. -- from Alfonso Dr. east to Arkansas Ave.**

Advisories are still in effect for:

► **Station 1 -- Lakeshore Beach -- near Lakeshore Dr., Bay St. Louis -- the extent is from the Silver Slipper Casino east to Pointset Ave.**

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

► **Station 8 -- Gulfport West Beach -- from Marie Ave. east to Camp Ave.**

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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