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*Two Other Advisories in Effect***

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted the water contact advisory Friday for sampling station 8 (Gulfport West Beach). Advisories remain in effect for stations 11A and 12B.

The advisory is lifted for:

► **Station 8 -- Gulfport West Beach -- near Fournier Ave. -- from Marie Ave. eastward to Camp Ave.**

Advisories are still in effect for:

► **Station 11A -- Edgewater Beach -- near Eisenhower Drive, Biloxi -- from Debuys Rd. east to Edgewater Ave.**

► **Station 12B -- Biloxi East Central Beach -- near Porter Avenue -- from St. Peter St. east to Dukate St.**

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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