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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted water contact advisories Tuesday for sampling stations 7, 8, and 10. An advisory is still in effect for station 10B.

Advisories were lifted for:

- ▶ **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.**
- ▶ **Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Dr. east to Arkansas Ave.**

An advisory is still in effect for:

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

This segment of beach is not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with

swimming in this area.

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisory 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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