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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 9 and 11. An advisory was issued for station 15 (Shearwater Beach).

The advisories are lifted for:

► **Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor Beach -- from 20th Ave. east to Thornton Ave.**

► **Station 11 -- Gulfport East Beach -- from Tegarden Rd. east to Anniston Ave.**

An advisory is issued for:

► **Station 15 -- Shearwater Beach -- near Holcomb Blvd. in Ocean Springs -- the extent is from Weeks Bayou east to Ashley Pl.**

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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