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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory Friday for sampling station 15 (Shearwater Beach). The agency also issued an advisory for station 5 (Pass Christian West Beach), and an advisory issued October 27 for station 10 (Gulfport Central Beach) remains in effect.

The advisory is lifted for:

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

An advisory is issued for:

► **Station 5 -- Pass Christian West Beach -- the extent is from Fort Henry Ave. east to Elliot St.**

An advisory is still in effect for:

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