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(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a water contact advisory Friday for sampling station 9 (Gulfport Harbor Beach).

An advisory is issued for:

► **Station 9 -- Gulfport Harbor Beach -- near Pratt Ave. -- the extent is from 20th Ave. east to Thornton Ave.**

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>.

To receive beach advisories directly, send an email to rwilbur@mdeq.ms.gov for inclusion in a public group email list, text "MDEQbeach" to 95577, or follow MDEQ on Twitter: @MDEQ.

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