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MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisory in Bay St. Louis ***Two Other Stations Under Advisories***

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a water contact advisory Friday for a sampling station in Bay St. Louis. This segment of beach is not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in this area.

MDEQ is working closely with local officials to advise residents that the water in the following location may have high bacteria levels:

► ***Station 1 – Lakeshore Beach – from the Silver Slipper Casino to Pointset Avenue.***

There are also currently two other stations remaining under an advisory:

► ***Station 3 – Waveland Beach (Waveland) – from Oak Boulevard to Favre Street.***

► ***Station 15 – Shearwater Beach (Ocean Springs) -- from Holcomb Boulevard to Ashley Place.***

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.

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

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