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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 12B (Biloxi East Central Beach). Advisories were issued for stations 14 and 15.

The advisory is lifted for:

▶ Station 12B -- Biloxi East Central Beach -- the extent is from St. Peter St. east to Dukate St.

Advisories are issued for:

- ► Station 14 -- Front Beach -- near Martin Ave. in Ocean Springs -- the extent is from the Yacht Club east to Jackson Ave.
- ► Station 15 -- Shearwater Beach near Holcomb Blvd. in Ocean Springs -- the extent is from Weeks Bayou east to Ashley Place.

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.deg.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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