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## **MDEQ Lifts One Water Contact Advisory**

(JACKSON, Miss.) – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted a water contact advisory Wednesday for sampling Station 14 (Front Beach). An advisory remains in effect for station 15.

The advisory is lifted for:

► Station 14 -- Front Beach -- near Martin Ave. in Ocean Springs -- the extent is from the Yacht Club east to Jackson Ave.

The advisory remains in effect for:

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

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.

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