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MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisories For Five Locations

One Advisory Lifted

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued water contact advisories Wednesday for five sampling stations. These segments of beach are not closed; however, there may be an increased risk of illness associated with swimming in these areas.

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

- **Station 1 – Lakeshore – from the Silver Slipper to the jetty near Poinset.**
- **Station 2 -- Buccaneer State Park -- near State Park Road.**
- **Station 3 – Waveland -- from Oak Boulevard to Farve Street.**
- **Station 5 -- Pass Christian West -- from Fort Henry Avenue to Elliot Street.**
- **Station 10B – East Courthouse Road Beach – from Courthouse Road east to Teagarden Road.**

Stations 4 and 10 remain on advisories already issued.

An advisory for this station is lifted:

● **Station 8 – Gulfport West – from Marie Avenue east to Camp Avenue.**

When water samples show that levels are safe for human contact, the advisories will be lifted. The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, which performs water sampling of the Mississippi Gulf Coast beaches for MDEQ, notifies the agency when an area has returned to acceptable levels.

Additionally, 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 on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program:

<http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>.

To receive beach advisories directly, send an email to rwilbur@deq.state.ms.us for inclusion in a public group email list, text "beach" to 601-863-8082, or follow MDEQ on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/#!/MDEQ>.

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