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## **MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisories For Two Locations in Harrison County and Jackson County**

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued water contact advisories Saturday for two sampling stations—one in Harrison County and one in Jackson County. These segments of beach are 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 locations may have high bacteria levels:

- Station 12B -- Porter Avenue Beach in Biloxi – from St. Peter Street east to Dukate Street.
- Station 14 -- Front Beach in Ocean Springs – from in front of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club east to Jackson Avenue.

The following advisories issued Friday are still in effect:

- Station 7A -- Long Beach Beach – from Oak Gardens Avenue east to S. Girard

Avenue.

- Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach -- from Alfonso Drive east to Arkansas 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](mailto: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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