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MDEQ Issues Water Contact Advisory For One Location in Gulfport

One Advisory Lifted

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a water contact advisory today for a sampling station in Harrison County. 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 10 – Gulfport Central – from Alfonso Drive east to the VA Main Entrance.**

An advisory issued for the following station April 18 is lifted:

- **Station 11A – Edgewater Beach – from Debuys Road east to Edgewater Avenue**
- Advisories are currently in effect for Stations 8, 10, and 10B.*

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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