

MDEQ LIFTS BEACH ADVISORY IN HANCOCK COUNTY

(JACKSON, Miss.) --The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring

Program, has lifted an advisory for the following station:

● Station 4 in Hancock County - near St. Charles Street in Bay St. Louis.

Neither the advisory nor the lifting of the advisory are related to the oil spill. Water samples show the area has attained acceptable bacteria levels. 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.

The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, which performs water sampling of the Mississippi Gulf Coast beaches for

MDEQ, notifies the agency when an area returns to acceptable levels and safe conditions.

Information on the

Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program is available at:

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

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