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MDEQ LIFTS WATER CONTACT ADVISORIES IN HARRISON COUNTY

There are no segments of beach under an advisory

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

Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted a water contact advisories previously issued for the following stations:

- Sampling Station 12B -- Biloxi East Central Beach near Porter Avenue in Biloxi;

- Station 7 -- Pass Christian East Beach near Shadow Lawn Avenue in Pass Christian;

- Station 10 -- Gulfport Central Beach at the Armed Forces Retirement Center near Oak Avenue in Gulfport;

- Station 10 A -- Courthouse Road Beach near Courthouse Road west parking lot in Gulfport.

Water samples show the areas have attained acceptable bacteria levels. There are no segments of beach

across the Mississippi Gulf Coast under an advisory. 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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