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(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, has lifted a water contact advisory previously issued April 27 for the following station:

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

Water samples show the area has attained acceptable bacteria levels. 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.

- A beach closure issued April 25 for Station 4 in Hancock County (extends from the box culvert east to Ballantine Street) is still in effect. The closure was issued due beach re-nourishment activities underway in the area.

Information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program is available at:
<http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi>.

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