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MDEQ Lifts Water Contact Advisory

(JACKSON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), through its Beach Monitoring Program, lifted one water contact advisory issued September 19 for the following beach monitoring station in Harrison County:

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

Water samples at this station shows 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.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program is available at: 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.