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Jackson – The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality through its Beach Monitoring Program, issued a precautionary beach closure Friday for all segments of Mississippi beach. The hazards of debris plus uncertainty about water quality following widespread flooding prompted the closure. MDEQ will resume water quality testing when the debris has been cleared and beaches will open to water contact when results show water quality standards have been met.

More information on the Mississippi Beach Monitoring Program: http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/msbeach/index.cgi.

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