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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of June 6-10, 2016. **All 35 beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing**:

St. Croix

Protestant Cay
Buccaneer
Cramer Park
Pelican Cove (Comorant)
Shoy's
Rainbow
Chenay Bay
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
Halfpenny
Dorsch
Cane Bay
Frederiksted Public Beach
Spratt hall
Columbus landing
Princess (Condo Row)
Stoney Ground
Grapetree Bay

St. Thomas

Lindquist
Coki point
Bluebeards
Secret Harbor
Bolongo Bay
Water Bay
Frenchman's Bay
Sapphire
Hull Bay
Magen's Bay
Lindbergh Bay
Brewer's Bay
Vessup Bay

St. John
Johnson Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Cruz Bay
Oppenhiemer
Frank Bay

DPNR will continue to monitor these popular swimming areas. DPNR also recommends that you use your own discretion when swimming or fishing at the designated beaches. If the waters appear muddy or murky or have foul odors, do not swim or fish. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.