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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, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at the 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 10-14, 2015. The following beaches **meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing**:

St. Croix

Stoney Ground
Protestant Cay
Chenay Bay
Buccaneer
Cane Bay
Cramer Park

Rainbow
Shoy's
New Fort (Ft. Louise
Augusta)
Pelican Cove (Comorant)
Halfpenny

Princess (Condo Row)
Dorsch
Frederiksted Public Beach
Sprat Hall
Pelican Cove (Comorant)

St. Thomas

Hull Bay
Brewer's Bay
Lindquist
Bolongo Bay
Sapphire
Frenchman's Bay

Vessup Bay
Magen's Bay
Coki Point
Lindbergh Bay
Water Bay

St. John

Cruz Bay
Oppenhiemer
Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay

The following beaches **do not meet water quality standards and therefore not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Thomas

Bluebeards
Secret Harbor

PLEASE NOTE: Grapetree Bay and Columbus Landing on St. Croix could not be sampled this week due to the heavy presence of seaweed along the shoreline. Johnson Bay on St. John could not be accessed at the time of sample collection.

DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted areas and waters. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.