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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 18 out of 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of July 25-29, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: BEACHES IN THE ST. THOMAS/ST. JOHN DISTRICT WERE NOT SAMPLED THIS WEEK.

The following beaches **meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix

Stony Ground
Dorsch
Protestant Cay
Chenay Bay
Buccaneer
Davis Bay
Cane Bay

Cramer Park
Rainbow
Columbus Landing
Shoy's
New Fort (Ft. Louise
Augusta)

Frederiksted Public Beach
(First Target)
Pelican Cove (Comorant)
Princess (Condo Row)
Sprat Hall
Halfpenny

The following beach **does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix

Grapetree 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.