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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPMR) 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:

DPMR performed water quality analysis at the 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 25-29, 2014. The following beaches **meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing**:

St. Croix

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

Cramer's Park
Rainbow Beach
Shoy's Beach
New Fort (Ft. Louise
Augusta)
Frederiksted Public Beach
Pelican Cove (Comorant)

Princess (Condo Row)
Halfpenny Beach
Grapetree Bay
Sprat Hall
Columbus Landing

St. Thomas

Water Bay
Sapphire Beach
Magen's Bay
Vessup Bay
Secret Harbor

Bluebeard's Beach
Coki Point
Frenchman's Bay
Lindberg Bay

Hull Bay
Brewer's Bay
Linguist Beach
Bolongo Bay

St. John

Hart Bay

Cruz Bay

Great Cruz Bay

Johnson's Bay

Oppenheimer Beach

In anticipation of heavy rains this weekend, DPNR advises the public to refrain from using areas that are affected by storm-water runoff until these effects subside. Parents are advised to instruct their children to keep away from storm-water-impacted beaches as well as areas with manholes and storm-water flooding.

There may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm-water-impacted areas as a result of increased concentrations of bacteria. All persons should also be aware that storm-water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm-water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins).

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.