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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 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 17-21, 2018. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:

**St. Croix**
- Cramer’s Park
- Shoy’s
- New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
- Chenay Bay
- Princess Condo Row
- Dorsch
- Frederiksted Public Beach
- Halfpenny
- Cane Bay
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Protestant Cay
- Rainbow
- Gentle Winds
- Buccaneer

**St. Thomas**
- Magen’s Bay
- Brewer’s Bay
- Sapphire
- Lindquist
- Frenchman’s Bay
- Bolongo Bay
- Limetree Bay
- Coki Point
- Water Bay
- Vessup Bay
- Secret Harbor
- Morningstar
- Lindbergh Bay
- Bluebeard’s
- Hull Bay
The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:

**St. John**
Frank Bay
Johnson Bay
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer

Please Note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches:

- Stoney Ground and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix

Therefore, the water quality of these beaches is unknown.

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) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. 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 or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.