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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 by sampling for Enterococci Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPMR performed water quality analysis at 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 14-18, 2019. 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
Grapetree Bay
Buccaneer

St. Thomas

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

Coki Point
Water Bay
Bluebeard's
Lindbergh Bay
Hull Bay
Secret Harbor

St. John

Frank Bay
Johnson Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay
Cruz 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. Thomas

Vessup Bay

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

- *Stoney Ground on St. Croix*

Therefore, the water quality of this beach 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.