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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPRN) 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:

DPRN performed water quality analysis at 13 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 21-25, 2019. All of the sampled 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

Buccaneer

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

- *All Beaches on St. Thomas & St. John*
- *Stoney Ground 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.