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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 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 4-8, 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
- Dorsch
- Frederiksted Public Beach
- Cane Bay
- Princess (Condo Row)
- Stony Ground
- Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
- Protestant Cay
- Rainbow
- Buccaneer

**St. Thomas**
- Magen’s Bay
- Brewer’s Bay
- Sapphire
- Lindquist
- Frenchman’s Bay
- Secret Harbor
- Lindbergh Bay
- Coki Point
- Vessup Bay
- Hull Bay
- Bolongo Bay
- Bluebeard’s
**St. John**  
Frank 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. Croix**  
Halfpenny

**St. Thomas**  
Water Bay

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

- Grapetree Bay on St. Croix  
- Johnson Bay in St. John

*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.