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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 8-12, 2019. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix

Shoy's	Frederiksted Public Beach	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Cane Bay	Rainbow
Dorsch	Stony Ground	Columbus Landing
	Spratt Hall	Buccaneer

St. Thomas

Magen's Bay	Lindbergh Bay
Brewer's Bay	Water Bay
Sapphire	Hull Bay
Lindquist	Vessup Bay
Frenchman's Bay	Bolongo Bay
Secret Harbor	Bluebeard's
Coki Point	

St. John

Johnson Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Frank 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

Protestant Cay
Chenay Bay
Cramer's Park
Halfpenny

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) & 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.