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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 April 29 – May 3, 2019. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix

Shoy's
New Fort (Ft. Louise
Augusta)
Dorsch
Frederiksted Public Beach
Stony Ground

Spratt Hall
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
Rainbow
Columbus Landing
Buccaneer
Protestant Cay

Chenay Bay
Cramer's Park
Halfpenny
Cane Bay

St. Thomas

Magen's Bay
Brewer's Bay
Sapphire
Lindquist
Secret Harbor
Coki Point

Lindbergh Bay
Vessup Bay
Bolongo Bay
Bluebeard's
Water Bay

St. John

Great Cruz Bay

Cruz Bay

Oppenheimer

Frank Bay

The following beach **does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Thomas

Hull Bay

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) & Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*

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.