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**BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) 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:

DPR performed water quality analysis at 31 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of May 13-17, 2019. **All 31 sampled 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  
Water Bay

Bolongo Bay  
Lindbergh Bay  
Vessup Bay  
Bluebeard's  
Hull Bay  
Frenchman's Bay

**St. John**

Great Cruz Bay

Cruz Bay

Frank Bay

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) & Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Oppenheimer & Johnson Bay on 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.