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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 5-9, 2019. **ALL 33 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  
Buccaneer  
Protestant Cay  
Chenay Bay

Cramer's Park  
Halfpenny  
Cane Bay  
Gentle Winds  
Princess (Condo Row)

**St. Thomas**

Magen's Bay  
Brewer's Bay  
Lindbergh Bay  
Lindquist  
Sapphire  
Bluebeard's  
Coki Point

Water Bay  
Bolongo Bay  
Secret Harbor  
Vessup Bay  
Hull Bay  
Frenchman's Bay

**St. John**

Great Cruz Bay

Cruz Bay

Frank Bay

Oppenheimer

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

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *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.