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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPRN) 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:

DPRN performed water quality analysis at 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 12-16, 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
Buccaneer
Protestant Cay
Chenay Bay

Cramer's Park
Halfpenny
Cane Bay
Columbus Landing
Princess (Condo Row)

St. Thomas

Coki Point
Brewer's Bay
Lindbergh Bay
Lindquist
Sapphire
Water Bay

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

St. John

Great Cruz Bay
Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson 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. Thomas

Magen's Bay
Bluebeard's

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

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*

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.