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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 19-23, 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

**St. Thomas**

Coki Point  
Lindbergh Bay  
Lindquist  
Sapphire  
Magen's Bay

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

**St. John**

Cruz 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**

Brewer's Bay  
Water Bay  
Bluebeard's

**St. John**

Great Cruz Bay  
Frank Bay

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) and 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.