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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 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 7-11, 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 Beach

Princess (Condo Row)

Chenay Bay

Stony Ground

Pelican Cove (Cormorant)

Buccaneer

Rainbow

Halfpenny

Grapetree Bay

Protestant Cay

Cramer's Park

Frederiksted Public Beach

Cane Bay

Gentle Winds

**St. Thomas**

Lindquist

Coki Point

Hull Bay

Brewer's Bay

Bluebeard's

Morningstar

Vessup Bay

Lindbergh Bay

Water Bay

Sapphire

Frenchman's Bay

Magen's Bay

Secret Harbor

**St. John**

Cruz Bay  
Oppenheimer  
Frank Bay  
Johnson Bay  
Great Cruz 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**

Bolongo Bay

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

- *Limetree 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.