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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 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
Stony Ground
Chenay Bay

Pelican Cove
(Cormorant)
Buccaneer
Rainbow
Protestant Cay
Halfpenny

Cramer's Park
Frederiksted Public
Beach
Cane Bay
Gentle Winds

St. Thomas

Bolongo Bay
Brewer's Bay
Bluebeard's
Morningstar
Vessup Bay

Lindbergh Bay
Sapphire
Frenchman's Bay
Magen's Bay
Secret Harbor

St. John

Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Frank Bay
Great Cruz 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. Croix

Grapetree Bay

St. Thomas

Coki Point
Hull Bay
Water Bay
Lindquist

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix;*
- *Limetree on St. Thomas;*
- *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.