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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 October 28 – November 1, 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
Gentle Winds

Stony Ground
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)
Buccaneer
Rainbow
Halfpenny

Protestant Cay
Princess (Condo Row)
Cane Bay

St. Thomas

Brewer's Bay
Coki Point
Hull Bay
Magen's Bay

Lindquist
Lindbergh Bay
Sapphire
Morningstar

St. John

Oppenheimer
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

Frederiksted Public Beach
Cramer's Park
Chenay Bay

St. Thomas

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

St. John

Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay

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

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix;*
- *Limetree Bay on St. Thomas;*

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.