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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 November 4-8, 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
Halfpenny

Stony Ground
Buccaneer
Rainbow
Protestant Cay

Gentle Winds
Frederiksted Public Beach
Cramer's Park
Chenay Bay

St. Thomas

Coki Point
Hull Bay
Magen's Bay
Frenchman's Bay
Bolongo Bay
Vessup Bay

Lindquist
Lindbergh Bay
Sapphire
Water Bay
Secret Harbor

St. John

Oppenheimer
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay
Frank 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

Cane Bay
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)

St. Thomas

Brewer's Bay
Morningstar
Bluebeard's

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) and 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.