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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 November 11-15, 2019. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

**St. Croix**

Shoy's  
New Fort (Ft. Louise  
Augusta)  
Stony Ground  
Halfpenny  
Princess (Condo Row)

Buccaneer  
Rainbow  
Protestant Cay  
Gentle Winds  
Grapetree Bay  
Cane Bay

Pelican Cove (Cormorant)  
Frederiksted Public Beach  
Cramer's Park  
Chenay Bay

**St. Thomas**

Hull Bay  
Magen's Bay  
Frenchman's Bay  
Bolongo Bay  
Vessup Bay  
Brewer's Bay

Lindquist  
Lindbergh Bay  
Sapphire  
Secret Harbor  
Bluebeard's

**St. John**

Oppenheimer  
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**

Dorsch Beach

**St. Thomas**

Morningstar  
Water Bay  
Coki Point

**St. John**

Great Cruz Bay

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

- *Limetree Bay 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.