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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 December 9-13, 2019. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix		
Shoy's	Rainbow	Cane Bay
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Protestant Cay	Cramer's Park
Stony Ground	Gentle Winds	
Buccaneer	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	
Halfpenny	Frederiksted Public Beach	

St. Thomas		
Hull Bay	Lindquist	Sapphire
Brewer's Bay	Coki Point	Lindbergh Bay
Frenchman's Bay	Magen's Bay	Water Bay
Bluebeard's	Secret Harbor	Vessup Bay

St. John
Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay
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
Dorsch Beach
Chenay Bay

St. Thomas
Secret Harbor
Bolongo Bay

St. John
Oppenheimer

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

- *Princess (Condo Row) and Grapetree Bay on St. Croix;*
- *Limetree Bay and Morningstar 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.