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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 February 10-14, 2020. **The following beaches meet water quality standards and are safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove	Chenay Bay
Dorsch Beach	Princess	Cramer's Park
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Grapetree
Rainbow	Buccaneer	Halfpenny
Cane Bay	Shoy's	New Fort

St. Thomas		
Lindberg Bay	Water Bay	Secret Harbor
Brewer's Bay	Lindquist	Bolongo
Hull Bay	Sapphire	Frenchman's Bay
Magen's Bay	Vessup Bay	Bluebeard's

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay

The following beach **does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered to be safe for swimming or fishing:**

St. Thomas
Coki Point

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.