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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 37 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 12 – October 16, 2020. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Sprat Hall	Chenay Bay
Dorsch Beach	Cramer's Park	Shoy's
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Halfpenny Beach
Rainbow Beach	Buccaneer	Princess (Condo Row)
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Cane Bay	Columbus Landing
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Grapetree Bay	Gentle Winds

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

Water Island		
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)		

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

- *Secret Harbor on St. Thomas.*

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 any area that 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 514-1960 in St. Thomas.