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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 16 – November 20, 2020. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Chenay Bay	Princess-Condo Row
Dorsch Beach	Halfpenny Beach	Shoy's Beach
Sprat Hall	Protestant Cay	Cramer's Park
Rainbow Beach	Buccaneer	Grapetree Beach
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Cane Bay	
Pelican Cove (Cormorant)		

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindquist Beach
Bolongo Bay	Vessup Bay	
Frenchman's Bay	Secret Harbor	
Magen's Bay	Bluebeard's Beach	
Brewer's Bay	Hull Bay	

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)		

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson 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:**

- *Great Cruz Bay and Frank Bay on St. John*
- *Coki Point and Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Frederiksted Public Beach on St. Croix.*

**Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches:**

- *Gentle Winds on St. Croix (due to Sargassum Seaweed)*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas (due to field vehicle issues)*

*Therefore, the water quality at 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 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.