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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 19 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 25 – January 29, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindquist Beach
Bolongo Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Frenchman’s Bay	Secret Harbor	Limetree Bay
Magen’s Bay	Bluebeard’s Beach	Water Bay
Brewer’s Bay	Hull Bay	

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

St. John
Great Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer

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:

- *Cruz Bay and Frank Bay on St. John.*

Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches, Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown:

- *All beaches on St. Croix*
- *Morningstar on St. Thomas*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*

All persons should 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.