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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 34 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 22 – March 26, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove	
Dorsch Beach		
Frederiksted Public Beach		
Rainbow Beach		
Cane Bay		

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
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	

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

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

- *Princess, Protestant Cay, New Fort, Buccaneer, Shoy's, Chenay, Cramer's Park, Grapetree Bay, and Halfpenny Beach on St. Croix.*

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

- *Morningstar on St. Thomas*
- *Gentle Winds on St. Croix*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*

*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 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 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.