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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 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of July 5, – July 9, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove	Buccaneer
Dorsch Beach	Cane Bay	Shoy's Beach
Halfpenny Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Frederiksted Public Beach
Cramer's Park	Protestant Cay	Rainbow Beach
Chenay Bay		Sprat Hall

St. Thomas		
Water Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Bolongo Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Frenchman's Bay	Secret Harbor	
Magen's Bay	Lindbergh Bay	
Brewer's Bay	Hull Bay	

Water Island		
Honeymoon Beach		

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
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 safe for swimming or fishing:

- *New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) on St. Croix*

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

- *Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

All persons should 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.