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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 29 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 9, – August 13, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Sprat Hall	Buccaneer
Chenay Bay	Cane Bay	Shoy's Beach
Halfpenny Beach	Protestant Cay	Frederiksted Public Beach
Cramer's Park	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Rainbow Beach
Pelican Cove		

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

<b>St. John</b>		
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:**

- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Lindquist Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Dorsch Beach on St. Croix*

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

- *Grapetree Bay and Columbus Landing on St. Croix*
- *Hull Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Frank Bay and Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*

*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.