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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 4 – October 8, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Magen's Bay	Vessup Bay	Bolongo
Brewer's Bay	Secret Harbor	Bluebeards
Water Bay	Hull Bay	

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach		

<b>St. John</b>
Frank Bay
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

**The following beaches do not meet the water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered safe for swimming or fishing:**

- *Grapetree Bay, Rainbow Beach and Dorsch Beach on St. Croix*
- *Coki Point on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Sprat Hall and Columbus Landing on St. Croix*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Oppenheimer 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.