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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 September 27 – October 1, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove	Grapetree Bay
Frederiksted Public Beach	Cramer's Park	Shoy's
Rainbow Beach	Protestant Cay	Halfpenny Beach
New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Buccaneer	Chenay Bay
Stony Ground	Cane Bay	

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

Water Island		
Honeymoon Beach		

St. John
Frank Bay
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

The following beach did not meet the water quality standards because it exceeded the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix.*

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

- *Sprat Hall and Columbus Landing on St. Croix.*

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.