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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 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 15 – November 19, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Frenchman’s Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Magen’s Bay	Secret Harbor	Bluebeard’s Beach
Brewer’s Bay	Hull Bay	Bolongo Bay
Limetree Bay		

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach		

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

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

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix.*

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

- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Grapetree Bay 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.