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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 22 – November 24, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove	Chenay Bay
Dorsch Beach	Grapetree Bay	Cramer’s Park
Frederiksted Public Beach	Buccaneer	Halfpenny Beach
Rainbow Beach	Gentle Winds	
Cane Bay	Protestant Cay	

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Frenchman’s Bay	Vessup Bay	Water Bay
Magen’s Bay	Secret Harbor	Limetree Bay
Brewer’s Bay	Hull Bay	Bolongo Bay

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

St. John

Oppenheimer
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Frank 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:

- *Coki Point and Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Princess (Condo Row), New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta), and Shoy's on St. Croix.*

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

- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John.*

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.