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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 30 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 1 – November 5, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
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:**

- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Protestant Cay and Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix.*

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

- *Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Bolongo Bay, Limetree Bay, and Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas.*

*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.