

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES**



4611 Tutu Park Mall  
Suite 300  
St. Thomas, VI 00802  
(340) 774-3320

45 Mars Hill, Frederiksted  
St. Croix, VI 00840  
(340) 773-1082  
dpr.vi.gov



**Office of the Commissioner**

CONTACT: Jamal Nielsen, Media Relations Coordinator  
[jamal.nielsen@dpr.vi.gov](mailto:jamal.nielsen@dpr.vi.gov)

December 10, 2021

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**BEACH ADVISORY**

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) 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:

DPR performed water quality analysis at 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 6 – December 10, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

<b>Water Island</b>		
Honeymoon Beach		

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

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Shoy's on St. Croix*
- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John.*

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

- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix*
- *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.