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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 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of January 10 – January 14, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	NewFort (Ft.Louise Augusta)	Buccaneer
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Shoy's
Frederiksted Public Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Chenay Bay
Rainbow Beach	Protestant Cay	Cramer's Park
Cane Bay		Grapetree Bay

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

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

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

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

- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Halfpenny Beach on St. Croix.*

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

- *Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Gentle Winds on St. Croix*
- *Morningstar, Frenchman's Bay, and Limetree Bay 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.