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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 28 – April 1, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Shoy's
Dorsch Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	Chenay Bay
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Cramer's Park
Rainbow Beach	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Grapetree Bay
Gentle Winds	Buccaneer	Halfpenny Beach

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Bolongo Bay
Brewer's Bay	Vessup Bay	Bluebeard's Beach
Water Bay	Hull Bay	
Magens Bay	Lindqvist Beach	
Frenchman's Bay	Coki Point	

St. John
Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

The following beach does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore is not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Secret Harbor on St. Thomas*

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

- *Cane Bay on St. Croix*

Therefore, the water quality at this beach 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.