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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPRN) 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:

DPRN performed water quality analysis at 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 11 - April 14, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay

Water Island
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:

- *Sprat Hall on St. Croix*
- *Columbus Landing on St. Croix.*

Please note: A sample was not collected at the following beach:

- *Frank Bay on St. John*

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.