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**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 15 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 19 – April 22, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay

<b>Water Island</b>
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:**

- *Johnson Bay on St. John*

**Please note: Samples were not collected on St. Croix as well as the following beaches:**

- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Oppenheimer on St. John*
- *Frank 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.