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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 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of May 16 – May 20, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix			
Stony Ground	Cane Bay	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Grapetree Bay Beach
Dorsch Beach	Columbus Landing	Buccaneer Beach	Halfpenny Beach
F'sted First Target	Pelican Cove	Shoys Beach	
Rainbow (Prosperity)	Princess-Mill Harbor	Chenay Bay	
Sprat Hall	Protestant Cay Beach	Cramer's Park Beach	

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Vessup Bay	Secret Harbor
Brewers Bay	Hull Bay	Frenchman's Bay
Water Bay	Lindqvist Beach	
Magens Bay	Bluebeard's Beach	
Sapphire Beach	Bolongo Bay	

St. John
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Oppenheimer Beach
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:

- *Coki Point on St. Thomas*

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.