



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

-----0-----

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

4611 Tutu Park Mall
Suite 300
St. Thomas, VI 00802
(340) 774-3320

45 Mars Hill, Frederiksted
St. Croix, VI 00840
(340) 773-1082
dpr.vi.gov



Office of the Commissioner

CONTACT: Jamal Nielsen, Media Relations Coordinator
jamal.nielsen@dpr.vi.gov

Friday, August 19, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Frenchman’s Bay	Secret Harbor
Brewers Bay	Hull Bay	
Bolongo Bay	Lindqvist Beach	
Magens Bay	Bluebeard’s Beach	
Sapphire Beach	Coki Point	

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:

- ***Vessup Bay on St. Thomas.***

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

- ***Water Bay, Morningstar, 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.