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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 32 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 22 – August 26, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Pelican Cove	Shoy’s
Dorsch Beach	Columbus Landing	Chenay Bay
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	Sprat Hall
Rainbow (Prosperity)	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	
Cane Bay	Buccaneer Beach	

<b>St. John</b>
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer
Johnson Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

**Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beaches due to excessive sargassum seaweed:**

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix*
- *Cramer's Park on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay on St. Croix.*

*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.