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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 October 3 – October 7, 2022. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Stony Ground	Dorsch Beach	F’sted First Target
Rainbow Beach	Halfpenny Beach	Cane Bay
Gentle Winds	Chenay Bay	Pelican Cove (Comorant)
Cramer’s Park Beach	Protestant Cay	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)
Buccaneer Beach	Shoy’s Beach	

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

<b>Water Island</b>
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:

- *Brewers Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas.*

**Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beaches:**

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Princess (Condo Row) 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.