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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 January 16 – January 20, 2023. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Cramer’s Park
Frederiksted Public Beach	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Grapetree Bay
Cane Bay	Buccaneer	
Gentle Winds	Shoy’s	
Columbus Landing	Chenay Bay	

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer Beach
Johnson Bay

Water Island
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:

- *Sapphire Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Stony Ground on St. Croix*
- *Rainbow Beach on St. Croix*
- *Sprat Hall on St. Croix*
- *Princess (Condo Row) on St. Croix*
- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John.*

Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beach:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*

Please also note: Samples were collected on the following beaches, but there were issues with collection/transport:

- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix*
- *Halfpenny Beach 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.