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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 18 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 13 – March 17, 2023. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Great Cruz 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:

- *Frank Bay on St. John*

Please note: Due to high surf conditions, samples were not collected on **ST. CROIX** as well as on the following beach:

- *Magen's 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.