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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 17 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 3 - April 7, 2023. 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	
Hull Bay	Coki Point	
Magens Bay	Bolongo Bay	
Sapphire Beach	Secret Harbor	

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

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach

**Please note: Samples were not collected on St. Croix, as well as on the following beaches due to excessive sargassum:**

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Bluebeard's Beach 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.