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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPRN) 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:

DPRN performed water quality analysis at 18 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 15 – April 19, 2024. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Oppenheimer Beach
Johnson Bay
Great Cruz Bay
Frank Bay

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach

Please note: Samples were not collected on St. Croix.

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

Additionally, an issue in the field resulted in only the turbidity sample to be collected for Lindbergh Bay.

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.