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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 21 designated beaches throughout the Territory, during the week of June 3 – June 7, 2024, collecting samples on June 3 – June 5.

However, the Territory experienced significant rain in the days following sample collection. Please be advised that there may be an elevated health risk to anyone swimming in storm water-impacted areas because of increased concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants.

Areas of storm water runoff (i.e., guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors should be avoided. DPRN will continue to monitor impacted areas and waters.

Based on the analytical results, the following beaches met the water quality standards and were considered safe for swimming and fishing:

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

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

Water Island

Honeymoon Beach

PLEASE NOTE: Samples were not collected on **ST. CROIX**. Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.