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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) 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:

DPR performed water quality analysis at **16 designated beaches** throughout the Territory during the week of September 23 – September 27, 2024.

The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Dorsch Beach	Halfpenny Beach	Protestant Cay
Frederiksted Public Beach	New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta)	Sprat Hall
Chenay Bay	Stony Ground	Rainbow Beach
Shoy's	Columbus Landing	Cane Bay
Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Buccaneer Beach	Princess (Condo Row)

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:

- *Cramer's Park on St. Croix.*

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

- ***All beaches on St. Thomas***

- ***All beaches on St. John***
- ***Honeymoon Beach on Water Island***
- ***Grapetree Bay on St. Croix.***

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

All persons should be aware that storm water runoff may 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.

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