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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 21 – October 25, 2024.

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

<b>St. Croix</b>		
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	
Cramer's Park	Princess (Condo Row)	

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Brewers Bay	Lindbergh Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Coki Point	Hull Bay	Secret Harbor
Vessup Bay	Frenchman's Bay	Bolongo Bay
Magens Bay	Sapphire Beach	

<b>St. John</b>
Oppenheimer Beach
Great Cruz Bay

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold and therefore are not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Johnson Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John.*

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

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*
- *Grapetree Bay 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.