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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 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 28 – October 31, 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	Grapetree Bay	Cane Bay
Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Buccaneer Beach	
Cramer's Park	Princess (Condo Row)	

St. Thomas		
Bluebeard's Beach	Lindbergh Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Coki Point	Hull Bay	Secret Harbor
Vessup Bay	Frenchman's Bay	Bolongo Bay
Magens Bay	Sapphire Beach	

St. John
Oppenheimer Beach
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson 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:

- *Brewers Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John.*
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Please note: Samples were not collected on the following beaches:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach on Water Island*
- *Columbus Landing on St. Croix.*

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.