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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 37 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of November 25 – November 27, 2024.

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. DPNR will continue to monitor impacted areas and waters.

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

<b>St. Croix</b>		
Buccaneer Beach	Fredriksted Public Beach	Princess Condo Row A (Mill Harbor) Princess Condo Row C (Breezes)
Cane Bay	Gentle Winds	Protestant Cay
Chenay Bay	Grapetree Beach	Rainbow Beach
Cramer’s Park	New Fort Louisa (Fort Augusta)	Shoy’s Beach
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove ( Comorant)	Stony Ground

<b>St. Thomas</b>		
Bluebeard's Beach	Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach
Bolongo Bay	Lindquist Beach	Secret Harbor
Brewers Bay	Magens Bay	Water Bay
Coki Point Beach	Morningstar Beach	
Hull Bay	Vessup Bay	

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

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:

- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Ha'Penny Beach on St. Croix*

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

- *Honeymoon Beach (Druif)*

*Therefore, the water quality at this beach 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.