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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 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 9 – December 13, 2024.

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

St. Croix		
Cane Bay	Grapetree Beach	Rainbow Beach
Chenay Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Shoy’s Beach
Cramers Park	New Ft. Louisa	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Fredriksted Public Beach	Princess Condo Row	
Gentle Winds	Protestant Cay	

St. Thomas		
Bluebeard’s Beach	Hull Bay	Morningstar Beach
Bolongo Bay	Limetree beach	Sapphire Beach
Brewer’s Bay	Lindbergh Bay	Secret Harbor
Coki Point Beach	Lindqvist Beach	Vessup Bay
Frenchman’s Bay	Magen’s Bay	

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

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:

- *Buccaneer Beach on St. Croix*

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

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

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.