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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 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during January 6 – January 10, 2025.

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

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

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

St. John
Cruz Bay
Frank Bay
Great Cruz 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:

- *Limetree Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Frenchman Bay's on St. Thomas*
- *Rainbow Beach on St. Croix*
- *HoneyMoon Beach on Water Island*

Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beach:

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*

Therefore, the water quality at this beach is unknown.

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.

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