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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 the week of January 27 – January 31, 2025.

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	Gentle Winds	Rainbow Beach
Cane Bay	Grapetree Beach	Shoy's Beach
Chenay Bay	Ha'Penny Beach	Stony Ground
Cramers Park	New Fort Louisa Augusta	
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	

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

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

<b>Water Island</b>
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)

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

- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas.*

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 anyone swimming in sewage-impacted or stormwater-impacted areas may be at an elevated health risk because of increased concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants. Areas impacted by sewage, stormwater 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.