



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES

4611 Tutu Park Mall
Suite 300, 2nd Floor
St. Thomas, VI 00802
(340) 774-3320

45 Mars Hill, Frederiksted
St. Croix, VI 00840
(340) 773-1082
dpnr.vi.gov



Office of the Commissioner

Office of the Commissioner

CONTACT: Jamal Nielsen, Media Relations Coordinator
jamal.nielsen@dpnr.vi.gov

Friday, February 14, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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 February 10 – February 14, 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	Rainbow Beach
Chenay Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Shoy’s Beach
Cramers Park	New Fort Louise Augusta	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	

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

St. John
Great Cruz Bay
Johnson Bay
Oppenheimer Beach

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.

- *HoneyMoon Beach (Druif) on Water Island*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John.*

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.