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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 analyses at 23 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 7-11, 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	Grapetree Bay	Rainbow Beach
Cane Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Shoy’s Beach
Columbus Landing	New Fort Louisa Augusta	Sprat Hall
Cramer’s Park	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	Stoney Ground
Dorsch Beach	Princess (Condo Row)	
Ft. Frederik Beach	Protestant Cay	

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

Water Island

Honeymoon Beach (Druif)

The following beach does not meet water quality standards because it exceeds the established Enterococci Bacteria threshold. Therefore, it is not considered safe for swimming or fishing:

- *Chenay Bay on St. Croix.*

Please note: Samples were not collected on St Thomas.

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches 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 340.773.1082 in St. Croix or 340.774.3320 in St. Thomas.