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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, a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analyses at 20 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of April 14–18, 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	Sprat Hall
Cane Bay	Grapetree Bay	Stoney Ground
Salt River Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	
Cramer’s Park	New Fort Louisa Augusta	
Dorsch Beach	Rainbow Beach	
Fort Frederik Beach	Shoy’s Beach	

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

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

**Please note: Samples were not collected at the following beaches.**

- *All Beaches on St. Thomas*
- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix*
- *Pelican Cove (Cormorant) on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*

*Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.*

Please be advised that anyone swimming in waters that are sewage-impacted, stormwater-impacted, or have large amounts of sargassum 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), large amounts of sargassum, or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors should be avoided. DPNR will continue to monitor the 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.