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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 21 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of May 12–16, 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	Fort Frederik Beach	Shoy's Beach
Cane Bay	Ha'Penny Beach	Sprat Hall
Chenay Bay	New Fort Louisa Augusta	Stoney Ground
Columbus Landing (Salt River)	Pelican Cove (Cormorant)	
Cramer's Park	Protestant Cay	
Dorsch Beach	Rainbow Beach	

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

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)

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

- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix*
- *All beaches on St. Thomas.*

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 increased health risk due to elevated 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.