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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPR) 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:

DPR performed water quality analysis at 26 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of August 11 – August 15, 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	Ha’Penny Beach	Stony Ground
Cane Bay	New Fort Louisa Augusta	
Chenay Bay	Protestant Cay	
Cramers Park	Rainbow Beach	
Dorsch Beach	Shoy’s Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Sprat Hall	

St. Thomas	
Bluebeard's Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Bolongo Bay	Magens Bay
Brewers Bay	Sapphire Beach
Coki Point	Secret Harbor
Hull Bay	Vessup Bay
Lindbergh Bay	

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

- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Limetree Bay Beach on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Columbus Landing on St. Croix*
- *Pelican Cove (Comorant) on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix*
- *Princess Condo Row on St. Croix*
- *Beaches on St. John and Water Island.*

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

The Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) anticipates potential negative environmental impacts, including stormwater runoff, high surf zones, and possible sewer system overflows, associated with Hurricane Erin. Therefore, the department advises the following:

- Exercise caution when using coastal waters and beaches throughout the Territory until further notice.
- Swimming in stormwater-impacted areas poses elevated health risks due to increased bacterial and pollutant concentrations.
- Parents should instruct children to avoid stormwater-impacted beaches, manholes, and areas with stormwater flooding.

For additional information regarding water quality, call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.