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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 analysis at 35 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 6– October 10, 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	Rainbow Beach
Cane Bay	Grapetree Bay	Shoys Beach
Chenay Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Sprat Hall
Columbus Landing	New Fort Louisa Augusta	Stony Ground
Cramers Park	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Dorsch Beach	Princess Condo Row	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	

St. Thomas		
Bolongo Bay	Hull Bay	Magens Bay
Brewers Bay	Limetree Beach	Sapphire Beach
Frenchman's Bay	Lindqvist Beach	Secret Harbor

St. John
Johnson Bay
Oppenheimer Beach

Water Island
Honeymoon Beach (Druif)

The following beaches do not meet water quality standards because they exceed the established Enterococci bacteria threshold and are therefore unsafe for swimming or fishing:

- *Bluebeard's Beach*
- *Coki Point on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Great Cruz Bay on St. John*
- *Frank Bay on St. John*
- *Vessup Bay on St. Thomas.*

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

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

Therefore, the water quality at these beaches is unknown.

Please be advised that anyone swimming in waters contaminated with sewage, stormwater, or with large amounts of sargassum may be at an elevated health risk due to elevated concentrations of bacteria or other contaminants. Waters 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

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