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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 36 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 13– October 17, 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	Shoys Beach
Cane Bay	Grapetree Bay	Sprat Hall
Chenay Bay	Ha’Penny Beach	Stony Ground
Columbus Landing	New Fort Louisa Augusta	
Cramers Park	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Dorsch Beach	Princess Condo Row	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Rainbow Beach	

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

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

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:

- *Protestant Cay on St. Croix*
- *Limetree Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Sapphire Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Vessup Bay on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Honeymoon Beach (Druif) on Water Island.*

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. DPNR will continue to monitor the impacted 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.