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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 29 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 20– October 24, 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	Sprat Hall
Cane Bay	New Fort Louisa Augusta	Stony Ground
Chenay Bay	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	
Cramers Park	Princess Condo Row	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	
Gentle Winds	Shoys Beach	

St. Thomas	
Bolongo Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Brewers Bay	Magens Bay
Coki Point	Sapphire Beach
Frenchman Bay	Secret Harbor
Hull Bay	Vessup Bay
Limetree Beach	
Lindbergh Bay	

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:

- *Limetree Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*

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

- *Beaches on St. John and 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.

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