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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 24 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of October 27– October 31, 2025. This week the department also collected samples at Prosperity Beach, on St. Croix due to the recent effluent run-off impacting the gut and the beach.

Based on the analytical results, the following beaches met water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Croix		
Buccaneer Beach	New Fort Louise Augusta	Shoy's Beach
Cane Bay	Pelican Cove (Comorant)	Sprat Hall
Cramers Park	Princess Condo Row	Stony Ground
Dorsch Beach	Prosperity Beach	
Frederiksted Public Beach	Protestant Cay	
Gentle Winds	Rainbow Beach	

St. Thomas	
Hull Bay	
Lindqvist Beach	
Magens Bay	
Secret Harbor	

Water Island	
Honeymoon Beach	

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

- *Bluebeard's Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Bolongo Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Coki Point Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Sapphire Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Vessup Beach on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Chenay Bay on St. Croix*
- *Grapetree Bay Beach on St. Croix*
- *Ha'Penny Beach on St. Croix*
- *Brewers Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Frenchman's Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Limetree Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Lindbergh Bay on St. Thomas*
- *Water Bay on St. Thomas.*
- *Beaches on St. John.*

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 higher 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.