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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 14 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 2, 2026 – March 6, 2026.

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

St. Thomas	
Bolongo Bay	Lindbergh Bay
Brewers Bay	Lindqvist Beach
Coki Point	Magens Bay
Frenchman Bay	Secret Harbor
Hull Bay	Vessup Bay
Limetree 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 considered unsafe for swimming or fishing:

- *Bluebeards Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Sapphire Beach on St. Thomas.*

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

- *Morningstar Beach on St. Thomas*
- *Water Bay on St. Thomas*
- *All beaches on St. Croix*
- *All 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 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.