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Three Beaches In St. Thomas, Two In St. Croix, Not Safe This Weekend, D.P.N.R. Says

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announced today that while most of the 33 beaches it examined this week for water quality passed the test, five were found to be unsafe for swimming and fishing -- three in St. Thomas and two in St. Croix.

D.P.N.R. said Coki Point, Blurebeards and Brewer's Bay in St. Thomas were not safe for swimming and fishing, while Cramer Park and Princess Condo Row failed to meet the water quality standard considered to be safe for swimming and fishing. The tests occurred between August 14-18.

All other beaches tested were deemed safe for swimming and fishing.

St. Croix: Pelican Cove (Comorant), Rainbow, Chenay Bay, Cane Bay, Stoney Ground, Frederiksted Public Beach, Dorsch, Shoy's, Halfpenny, Spratt Hall, Protestant Cay, Columbus Landing, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) and Buccaneer.

St. Thomas: Lindquist, Magen's Bay, Vessup Bay, Water Bay, Secret Harbor, Sapphire, Lindbergh Bay, Hull Bay, and Secret Harbor.

St. John: Cruz Bay, Oppenheimer, Great Cruz Bay, Frank Bay and Johnson Bay.

D.P.N.R. says it will continue to monitor these popular swimming areas. The department also recommends that beachgoers use their discretion when swimming or fishing at the designated beaches.

If the waters appear muddy or murky or have foul odors, do not swim or fish. For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix.