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Only Coki Point In St. Thomas Not Safe This Weekend, D.P.N.R. Says

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources on Friday said that of all the beaches it tested between August 21-25, only Coki Point in St. Thomas did not meet water quality standards considered to be safe, because it exceeded the established enterococci bacteria threshold.

All other waters were cleared as safe.

On St. Croix, they are: Pelican Cove (Cormorant), Rainbow, Chenay Bay, Cane Bay, Stoney Ground, Frederiksted Public Beach, Dorsch Beach, Shoy's, Halfpenny, Spratt Hall, Protestant Cay, Princess, Condo Row, Cramer's Park, Grapetree Bay, Columbus

Landing, New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta) and Buccaneer.

Safe Beaches on St. Thomas are: Bolongo Bay, Lindquist, Magen's Bay, Vessup Bay, Water Bay, Bluebeards, Frenchman's Bay, Sapphire, Lindbergh Bay, Hull Bay, Morningstar, Limetree, Brewer's Bay and Secret Harbor.

And on St. John, D.P.N.R. identified the safe beaches as: 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.