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Only Two Beaches Not Safe This Weekend

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announced Friday that out of the 30 beaches it performed water quality tests on this week, only two proved to be unsafe for swimming and fishing: Grapetree Bay on St. Croix and Water Bay in St. Thomas.

All other tested waters were given the green light.

St. Croix: Cramer's Park, Pelican Cove (Comorant), Rainbow (Prosperity), Chenay Bay, Cane Bay, Frederiksted Public Beach, Dorsch Beach, Princess Condo Row, Shoy's, Halfpenny, Buccaneer, and New Fort (Ft. Louise Augusta).

St. Thomas: Bolongo Bay, Lindquist, Magen's Bay, Vessup Bay, Bluebeards, Secret Harbor, Brewer's Bay, Sapphire, Lindbergh Bay, Hull Bay and Coki Point.

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

D.P.N.R. said all persons should be aware that storm water runoff due to hurricanes and tropical storms may contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health due to storm debris, and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins). The government agency said it will continue to monitor the impacted areas and 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.

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