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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that due to the certifying laboratories' COVID-19 modified schedule, the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program did not perform water quality sampling at any of 33 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of March 30 through April 3, 2020.

Therefore, water quality standards for safe swimming or fishing are unknown.

All persons should also be aware that storm water runoff may contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health and therefore all persons should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e. guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or if any area appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR 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.