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THE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT ACTIVITY REVIEW

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Summary: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) is notifying FDIC-supervised financial institutions that the eighth edition of *The SAR Activity Review – Trends, Tips & Issues*, published three times annually by the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), is now available.

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Highlights:

- On April 15, 2005, the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) released its April 2005 issue of *The SAR Activity Review – Trends, Tips & Issues*. *The SAR Activity Review* addresses trends identified by FinCEN in suspicious activity reports (SARs) and case studies, and provides guidance to improve preparation and filing of SARs.
- This issue, the eighth edition, includes a new feature called "Director's Forum," which provides FinCEN Director William J. Fox an opportunity to address issues of particular significance.
- The current edition can be found at <http://www.fincen.gov/sarreviewissue8.pdf>.
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