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REGULATORY RELIEF

Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Wisconsin Affected by Severe Weather

Summary: The FDIC has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and facilitate recovery in areas of Wisconsin affected by severe storms and flooding.

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FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings) in Wisconsin

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Supervisory Practices Regarding Depository Institutions and Borrowers Affected by Severe Storms and Flooding in Areas of Wisconsin

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Note:

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Highlights:

- Severe storms and flooding caused significant property damage in areas of Wisconsin during the period of September 22 to October 9, 2010.
- A major disaster was declared on October 21, 2010, for selected counties in Wisconsin.
- The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers experiencing difficulties beyond their control because of damage caused by the severe weather.
- Extending repayment terms, restructuring existing loans or easing terms for new loans, if done in a manner consistent with sound banking practices, can contribute to the health of the community and serve the long-term interests of the lending institution.
- The FDIC also will consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements.