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REGULATORY RELIEF

Steps to Help Rebuild Areas Affected by Hurricane Katrina

Summary: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has announced a series of steps intended to facilitate the rebuilding process in areas damaged by Hurricane Katrina and associated severe storms.

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FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings) in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee

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Supervisory Practices Regarding Depository Institutions and Borrowers Affected by Hurricane Katrina and Associated Severe Storms

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Highlights:

- Hurricane Katrina and associated severe storms have resulted in wind damage, heavy rainfall and flooding in the South.
- The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers who, because of the natural disaster, are experiencing difficulties beyond their control.
- 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 will also consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements.