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Summary: The ninth issue of *The SAR Activity Review – Trends, Tips & Issues*, published by the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), is now available.

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Highlights:

- On October 31, 2005, FinCEN issued its ninth issue of *The SAR Activity Review – Trends, Tips & Issues*. The publication addresses trends identified by FinCEN in suspicious activity reports (SARs) and case studies, and provides guidance on preparing and filing SARs.
- This issue identifies current trends in the securities and futures industries, as well as examines the emergence of the "Computer Intrusion" violation in depository institutions.
- The current issue can be found at <http://www.fincen.gov/sarreviewissue9.pdf>.
- Further information about FinCEN, including previous issues of *The SAR Activity Review*, is available at www.fincen.gov.
- Beginning in 2006, *The SAR Activity Review* will be published three times each year.
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