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FDIC SUSPENDS WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES FOR BANK DEPOSITORS
VICTIMIZED BY NEW YORK COUNTIES FLOOD-RELATED DISASTER

Regional Director Edward T. Lutz of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the FDIC has granted bank depositors who suffered flood-related losses temporary exemption from the interest rate regulations that penalize holders of time deposits for withdrawal of funds prior to maturity.

This waiver is limited to depositors who suffered losses as result of severe flooding in the New York counties listed below on December 29-30, 1984, which were declared major disaster areas by the President on March 20, 1985, and which is retroactive to those dates.

Lewis
Oswego

Insured State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System, whether or not they are located in the immediate disaster area, may allow depositors who can show that they have been damaged as a result of the disaster to withdraw all or part of their time deposits before maturity without paying any penalty. Depositors seeking to avail themselves of the suspension will be required to furnish their banks with proof of losses occasioned by this particular disaster.

This suspension will be in effect for six months, retroactive to December 29-30, 1984. This will provide eligible depositors sufficient time to determine their losses and their need for funds.

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