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FDIC SUSPENDS WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES FOR BANK DEPOSITORS  
VICTIMIZED BY SEVERE STORMS AND FLOODING IN PORTIONS  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Regional Director J. V. Prohaska of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the FDIC has granted storm and flood victims in certain areas of the State of Missouri exemption from the interest rate regulations that penalize holders of time deposits for withdrawal of funds prior to maturity. The waiver is limited to depositors who have suffered losses in Bolinger, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, Lincoln, Perry, Phelps, Pulaski, Ripley, St. Charles, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis or Wayne Counties which were declared major disaster areas by the President December 10, 1982, and any additional counties or areas covered by a subsequent Presidential proclamation of disaster issued as a result of the severe storms and flooding beginning on or about December 1, 1982.

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 a 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 is retroactive to December 1, 1982, and will be in effect for six months. This will provide eligible depositors sufficient time to determine their losses and the need for funds.

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