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## Financial Institution Letter

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## Regulatory Relief

### *Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Washington State Affected by Flooding and Mudslides*

**Summary:** The FDIC has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and to facilitate recovery in areas of Washington state affected by flooding and mudslides.

**Statement of Applicability to Institutions with Total Assets under \$1 Billion:** This Financial Institution Letter applies to all FDIC-supervised financial institutions.

#### **Suggested Distribution:**

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#### **Highlights:**

- Flooding and mudslides caused significant property damage in areas of Washington state beginning on March 22, 2014.
- A federal disaster for selected areas in Washington state was declared on April 2, 2014. Additional designations may be made after damage assessments are completed in the affected areas. A current list of designated areas is available at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).
- The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers experiencing difficulties beyond their control because of damage caused by the flooding and mudslides.
- 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 local community and serve the long-term interests of the lending institution.
- Banks may receive favorable Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) consideration for community development loans, investments, and services in support of disaster recovery.
- The FDIC also will consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements.