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**Financial Institution Letter**

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## **REGULATORY RELIEF**

### **Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Illinois Affected by Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, and Flooding**

**Summary:** The FDIC has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and facilitate recovery in areas of Illinois affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding.

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

**Distribution:**

FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings) in Illinois

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**Highlights:**

- Severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding caused significant property damage in areas of Illinois during the period of April 16 to May 5, 2013.
- A federal disaster for selected areas in Illinois was declared on May 10, 2013. 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 severe weather.
- 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 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.