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REGULATORY RELIEF

Guidance to Help Financial Institutions and to Facilitate Recovery in Areas of Florida Affected by Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding

Summary: The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has announced a series of steps intended to provide regulatory relief to financial institutions and to facilitate recovery in areas of Florida affected by recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

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FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings)
in Florida

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Supervisory Practices Regarding Depository Institutions and Borrowers Affected by Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding in Florida

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Note:

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Highlights:

- Severe storms, tornadoes and flooding have caused significant property damage to areas of Florida. A federal disaster was declared August 24th.
- The counties of Brevard, Hendry, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, and Volusia have been declared federal disaster areas. Individuals and households in these counties may be eligible for federal assistance.
- The FDIC is encouraging financial institutions to work constructively with borrowers who are experiencing difficulties beyond their control because of damage caused by these disasters.
- 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 community and serve the long-term interests of the lending institution.
- The FDIC will also consider regulatory relief from certain filing and publishing requirements for banks in the affected areas.