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## Hurricane Katrina Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Bank Secrecy Act

**Summary:** The federal bank, thrift and credit union regulatory agencies and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network have issued responses to frequently asked questions regarding the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA).

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[Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Bank Secrecy Act and Hurricane Katrina Victims - PDF](#) 19k

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**Highlights:**

- On September 12, 2005, the federal bank, thrift and credit union regulatory agencies and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network issued responses to questions frequently asked by financial institutions regarding the application of the Bank Secrecy Act in providing services to victims of Hurricane Katrina.
- The new questions and answers are attached.
- Please periodically check the FDIC's Hurricane Katrina Web site for updated information and frequently asked questions at <http://www.fdic.gov/news/katrina/index.html>.