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Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection

Regulatory Relief

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TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SUBJECT: Steps to Help Rebuild Areas Affected by Severe Storms

Summary: *The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has announced a series of steps intended to facilitate the rebuilding process in areas damaged by the recent severe storms in the Midwest.*

Severe storms, including tornadoes and flooding, have resulted in deaths, injuries and property damage throughout the Midwestern states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. The FDIC is encouraging banks to work constructively with borrowers who, because of the severe storms, are experiencing difficulties beyond their control. The FDIC has prepared the attached guidelines, which state that 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 guidelines also address other types of regulatory relief.

For guidance on these and related matters, please contact Assistant Regional Directors Pamela J. Farwig or John R. Jilovec in the Kansas City Regional Office at (816) 234-8000.

For your reference, FDIC financial institution letters may be accessed from the FDIC's Web site at www.fdic.gov/news/news/financial/2004/index.html.

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Attachment

Distribution: FDIC-Supervised Banks (Commercial and Savings) in the Kansas City Region

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