

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO  
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**BANKING SUPERVISION AND REGULATION:  
REAUTHORIZATION OF FLOOD  
INSURANCE PROGRAM (NFIP)**

To State Member Banks  
and Others Concerned,  
in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District

**Reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (CA 03-2)**

The authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to issue flood insurance policies expired on December 31, 2002, after the Congress adjourned without extending FEMA's issuance authority. On December 20, 2002, the federal financial institution regulatory agencies jointly issued interim guidance to assist borrowers and lenders in dealing with questions about what to do during the lapse. Please see our letter dated January 10, 2003.

On January 13, 2003, President Bush signed the National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act into law. The Act extends the authorization of the NFIP to December 31, 2003 and is retroactive to December 31, 2002.

The notice issued by FEMA is posted on their web site at [http://www.fema.gov/nwz03/nwz03\\_011.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/nwz03/nwz03_011.shtm).

**Additional Information**

All circulars and documents are available on the Internet through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Internet site, at <http://www.frbsf.org/banking/letters>. Paper copies of the Board's notice **(CA 03-2)** are available from our Corporate Services Department. To request copies to be sent by mail, please call (415) 974-2060.

For additional information about the reauthorization, please contact our Banking Supervision and Regulation Department at (415) 974-3329.

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