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**BANKING SUPERVISION AND REGULATION:
APPRAISAL REGULATIONS**

To State Member Banks, Bank
Holding Companies, U.S. Branches
and Agencies of Foreign Banks,
and Others Concerned,
in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District

Interagency FAQs on the Agencies' Appraisal Regulations and Interagency Statement on Independence of Appraisal and Evaluation Functions (SR 05-5)

In response to questions from regulated institutions about the agencies' real estate appraisal regulations, the Federal Reserve and the other federal banking agencies are issuing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document. The FAQs address common questions on the requirements of the appraisal regulations and the October 2003 *Interagency Statement on Independence of Appraisal and Evaluation Functions*.¹

The FAQ topics include the following:

- Selecting an appraiser
- Ordering an appraisal
- Accepting a transferred appraisal
- Reviewing appraisals
- Evaluation and other appraisal topics

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>.

For additional information about this matter, please contact our Banking Supervision and Regulation Department at (801) 322-07964.

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Attachment: [Frequently Asked Questions on Appraisal Regulations and Interagency Statement on Independence of Appraisal and Evaluation Functions](#)

Cross References: SR letters 94-55 and 03-18

¹ Regulated institutions should refer to the Board's appraisal regulations (12 CFR 208 subpart E and 12 CFR 225 subpart G) and related guidance, including: SR letter 94-55, *Interagency Appraisal and Evaluation Guidelines—October 1994*, (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/SRLETTERS/1994/SR9455.HTM>) and SR letter 03-18, *Interagency Statement on Independent Appraisal and Evaluation Functions*, (<http://www.federalreserve.gov/boarddocs/SRLETTERS/2003/sr0318.htm>).