

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
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**BANKING SUPERVISION AND REGULATION:
FAQS REGARDING BANK SECRECY ACT
AND HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS**

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

**FAQs for Financial Institutions on the Bank Secrecy Act and Hurricane Katrina Victims
(SR 05-15)**

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in consultation with the other federal banking agencies and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, have issued the attached responses to questions frequently asked by financial institutions regarding the applicability of certain provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act in providing services to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

This list of questions and answers, which is also available on the Federal Reserve's web site, may be expanded as new questions arise.

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 the attached FAQs, please contact our Banking Supervision and Regulation Department at (415) 683-2707.

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