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To State Member Banks, Bank Holding Companies, Financial Holding Companies, Savings and Loan Holding Companies, and Foreign Banking Offices in the Twelfth Federal Reserve District

Cybersecurity Threat and Vulnerability Monitoring and Sharing Statement

On November 3, 2014, the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), which includes the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, <u>issued</u> guidance recommending that regulated financial institutions of all sizes participate in the <u>Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis</u> <u>Center (FS-ISAC)</u> as part of their process to identify, respond to, and mitigate cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities. The FS-ISAC is a non-profit, information-sharing forum established by financial services industry participants to facilitate the public and private sectors' sharing of physical and cybersecurity threat and vulnerability information.

Rapidly evolving cybersecurity risks reinforce the need for all institutions and their critical technology service providers to have appropriate methods for obtaining, monitoring, sharing, and responding to threat and vulnerability information. Financial institution management is expected to monitor and maintain sufficient awareness of cybersecurity threats and vulnerability information so that they may evaluate risk and respond accordingly.

Additional Information

All circulars and documents are available on the Internet through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's website, at <u>http://www.frbsf.org/banking-supervision/publications/district-circular-letters/</u>.

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