

Transmittal



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Attached is a press release issued by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council on June 17, 1992 that transmits revised CRA examination procedures. These documents address a perception that too much emphasis is being placed on form over substance by the agencies when making CRA evaluations, and that CRA itself is placing too much of a paperwork burden on institutions.

The documents clarify that the agencies base their evaluations of CRA performance primarily on how well an institution helps meet the credit needs of its community or

communities, not on the amount of documentation it maintains. In that light, the guidance explains the type of documentation expected by the agencies is that which is useful to the institution's own management needs. Moreover, documents the institution prepares and maintains for its own management use should demonstrate the level of CRA performance.

Questions on this transmittal can be directed to our Compliance Programs unit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy Ryan".

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