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OCC RELEASES CRA EVALUATIONS FOR 53 NATIONAL BANKS

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) today released a list of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) performance evaluations that became public during the period of December 15 through January 14. The list contains only national banks and insured federal branches of foreign banks that have received ratings. The possible ratings are outstanding, satisfactory, needs to improve, and substantial noncompliance.

Of the 53 evaluations made public this month, 1 was outstanding, 49 were satisfactory, three were needs to improve and none were substantial noncompliance. Evaluations are available from links on http://www.occ.treas.gov/cra/Jan99.htm. The OCC's World Wide Web site (http://www.occ.treas.gov) also offers access to a searchable list of all public CRA evaluations (http://www.occ.treas.gov/cra/crasrch.htm). Paper copies of the actual evaluations may be obtained by e-mail request to FOIA-PA@ occ.treas.gov or from: the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Public Information Room, Mailstop 1-5, Washington, DC 20219. When requests are made electronically, remember to include your postal mail address. Facsimile requests may be sent to (202) 874-4448.

This month's list of ratings is attached.

Related Link:

CRA Evaluations

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,600 national banks and 66 federal branches and agencies of foreign banks in the United States, accounting for 58 percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe, sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.  $\Box$