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News Advisory

Banking Economics Condition Press Briefing  
Will Be August 11

WHAT: Press briefing focussing on bank earnings, credit quality, recent lending activity, and implications of Asian economic turmoil and Y2K

WHO: Nancy Wentzler, OCC's director of economic analysis

WHEN: 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 11

WHERE: OCC Headquarters, 250 E St., S.W., Washington, D.C.

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) collects economic data from a variety of sources and analyzes it to assist the agency in its mission of furthering the safety and soundness of the national banking system. Nancy Wentzler, director of economic analysis at the OCC, will present her analysis of recent data and will be available to answer media questions.

Background charts and graphs will be distributed at the briefing.

Media credentials are required.

Video crews should call in advance to facilitate arrangements.

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