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OCC Issues Fourth Quarter 1999 CRA Examination Schedule

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) today released its projected schedule of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) examinations to be conducted in the fourth quarter of 1999.

The OCC encourages public comment on the national banks scheduled to be examined under the CRA, and suggests that comments be submitted to the institutions themselves at the mailing address listed on the schedule, or to the appropriate OCC district office prior to (or as early as possible during) the month in which the exam is scheduled. All public comments received prior to the close of the CRA exam will be considered by the OCC.

A copy of the schedule is attached. The OCC's CRA exam schedule is also posted on the Internet at <http://www.occ.treas.gov>.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,400 national banks and 60 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.