Appendix B: BSA/AML Directives

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Supervision and Regulation Letters, commonly known as SR Letters, address significant policy and procedural matters related to the Federal Reserve System’s supervisory responsibilities. Issued by the Board of Governors’ Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, SR Letters are an important means of disseminating information to banking supervision staff at the Board of Governors and the Reserve Banks and, in some instances, to supervised banking organizations. The applicable BSA/AML SR Letters are available on Federal Reserve Web site.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Financial Institution Letters (FIL) are addressed to the chief executive officers of the financial institutions on the FILs distribution list — generally, FDIC-supervised banks. FILs may announce new regulations and policies, new FDIC publications, and a variety of other matters of principal interest to those responsible for operating a bank or savings association. The applicable FILs are available on the FDIC Web site.

National Credit Union Administration
NCUA publishes Letters to Credit Unions (LCU) and Regulatory Alerts (RA) addressed to credit union boards of directors. LCUs and RAs are used to share information, announce new policies, and provide guidance for credit unions and credit union examination staff. The NCUA’s Examiner’s Guide provides overall guidance for the risk-focused examination and supervision of federally insured credit unions. NCUA’s risk-focused program evaluates the degree to which credit union management identifies, measures, monitors, and controls (i.e., manages) existing and potential risks in their operations, including risk associated with AML programs. Applicable sections of the Examiner’s Guide are available on the NCUA Web site.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency
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