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Appraisal Subcommittee

Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council

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Lynne C. Hengle, Superintendent
Ohio Division of Real Estate and
Professional Licensing
77 South High Street, 20th floor
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Dear Ms. Hengle:

Thank you for your February 15, 2002 response to our December 19, 2001 field review letter. In that letter, we noted our concerns regarding Ohio's appraiser regulatory program ("Program") and its compliance with Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, as amended ("Title XI").

According to your response, you have taken many positive actions since our field review. We appreciate the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing's ("Division") cooperation and efforts in these areas. We also appreciate your clarifications on various issues addressed in our letter. We will include these areas in our next field review of Ohio's Program, approximately 18 months from our October 2001 field review. Please keep us informed about the status of your temporary practice legislative amendments.

You noted what you considered apparent misunderstandings on our part regarding certain aspects of Ohio's Program. Much of our understanding of how the Program functions and what documentation is available is based on discussions with Division staff. For example, one ASC representative spent approximately two hours with your entire investigative staff discussing cases that were used to shape our position regarding your enforcement program. Similarly, Division staff advised us of the unavailability of continuing education course information. Also, ASC staff spent portions of two consecutive days with your Education Supervisor. After discussing our concern regarding documentation, he verbally provided information on the course approval process used, but did not inform us of documentation that we had not seen. Once again, we will be sure to ask for this documentation during our next review.

Please contact Vicki Ledbetter if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Ben Henson
Executive Director

cc: Robert J. Weiler, Chairman
Sylvia Keberle, Administrative Assistant