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2003.03C Third-Party Reports

Requirements

If you and the construction lender use a single set of third-party reports for underwriting, the reports

- must be addressed to both lenders, but
- can be contracted and paid for by either lender.

Operating Procedures

You must obtain the following reports.

Report	Timing	You must...
Property Condition Assessment	Before Forward Commitment	Complete a PCA for all substantial rehabilitation properties.
	Before conversion	Obtain a PCA and complete the Replacement Reserve Schedule per Part II, Chapter 4: Inspections and Reserves .
Environmental Site Assessment	Before construction	Obtain a Phase I ESA.
	Before conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obtain a new Phase I ESA.• Obtain a Phase II ESA if recommended by the new Phase I ESA.• Ensure any required remediation is complete before you Deliver the permanent Mortgage Loan.



Report	Timing	You must...
Architectural Review	Before Forward Commitment	<p>From an independent consulting architect, obtain an architectural review assessing the Property's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preliminary plans and specifications, • compliance with local building codes, • site characteristics, • choice of building materials and finishes, • asset quality, • marketability, and • overall design appropriateness for the intended use.
	During construction	Use a consulting architect for in-field inspections.
	Final inspection	<p>Require the consulting architect to conduct a final inspection confirming the Property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • was built according to the approved plans and specifications; and • meets all applicable building codes and zoning requirements.
Appraisal	Before Commitment	Obtain an Appraisal per Part II, Chapter 2: Valuation and Income .
	Before conversion	<p>Obtain a new or updated Appraisal if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you request an increase in the permanent Mortgage Loan amount above the Forward Commitment terms, or • Fannie Mae requires it.



Guidance



You may use the same consulting architect as the construction lender if the consulting architect:

- is independent and not an employee of the construction lender;
- is retained directly by you and engaged separately by the construction lender; and
- acknowledges they may be required to make recommendations that do not align with those of the construction lender.



Glossary

A

Appraisal

Written statement independently and impartially prepared by a qualified appraiser stating an opinion of the market value of the Property as of a specific date, supported by the presentation and analysis of relevant market information.

Synonyms

- Appraisals

C

Commitment

Contractual agreement between you and Fannie Mae where Fannie Mae agrees to buy a Mortgage Loan at a future date in exchange for an MBS, or at a specific price for a Cash Mortgage Loan, and you agree to Deliver that Mortgage Loan.

Synonyms

- Committed
- Commitments

E

Environmental Site Assessment

Report (either a Phase I ESA or a Phase II ESA) identifying whether a Property is subject to Recognized Environmental Conditions or Business Environmental Risks.

Synonyms

- ESA

F



Forward Commitment Commitment to purchase a permanent Mortgage Loan for a to-be constructed or rehabilitated Property.

Synonyms

- Forward Commitment's
- Forward Commitments

M

Mortgage Loan Mortgage debt obligation evidenced, or when made will be evidenced, by the Loan Documents or a mortgage debt obligation with a Fannie Mae credit enhancement.

Synonyms

- Mortgage Loans
- Mortgage Loan's

P

Phase I ESA Environmental report and site assessment performed according to the process described in current ASTM E 1527, including any report summarizing the conclusions of the assessment.

Synonyms

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
- Phase I ESAs

Phase II ESA Investigation performed according to current ASTM E 1903, or investigation other than a Phase I ESA, that may include analyzing soil, ground water, or building materials for contaminants, including any report summarizing the conclusions of the assessment.

Synonyms

- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment



Property

Multifamily residential property securing the Mortgage Loan and including the land (or Leasehold interest in land), Improvements, and personal property (as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code).

Synonyms

- Properties
- Property's

Property Condition Assessment

Assessment of the current physical condition and historical operation of the Property.

Synonyms

- PCA
- PNA
- Physical Needs Assessment
- PCAs

R

Replacement Reserve Schedule

The Required Replacement Schedule to the Multifamily Loan Agreement ([Form 6001 series](#)) and the applicable parts of the Multifamily Loan Agreement (or other agreement approved by Fannie Mae), that evidence the:

- Borrower's agreement to replace identified capital items and perform required maintenance;
- terms for funding the identified capital item replacement and maintenance; and
- disbursement of Replacement Reserve funds.

Synonyms

- Replacement Reserve Schedules