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# Multifamily Selling and Servicing Guide

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## Section 909

## Environmental Matters and Inspections

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### Requirements

Before the Commitment Date, you must:

- Obtain an Environmental Screening of the Property using the ASTM E-1528 protocol.
- Perform a physical site inspection of the Property.
- Notify the Appraiser of any Recognized Environmental Condition or “non-scope considerations” that would impact the value of the Property.
- Determine if an O&M plan is appropriate to address a Recognized Environmental Condition.
- Determine if the state where the Property is located has an environmental super-lien statute, and ensure that the Property conditions are not likely to result in such a lien.
- Disclose any actual or suspected environmental conditions not disclosed in the ESA.
- Evaluate the potential risk posed by any Recognized Environmental Conditions that could result in loss or liability to you, the Borrower, the Property, or Fannie Mae.
- Obtain a copy of any Phase I ESA that the Borrower has in its possession or can obtain.
- Determine, based on the findings of the environmental screening and analysis, whether a Phase I ESA is required and, if so, contract for the report.
- When indicated, contract for a Phase II ESA.
- Disclose any knowledge of actual or suspected environmental problems.

### Guidance

You may contract portions of your environmental responsibilities to qualified parties. The environmental screening and analysis may be completed by:

- the engineer conducting the PCA;
- a qualified employee; or
- a qualified non-employee.



## Operating Procedures

If a qualified individual performs the environmental screening and analysis, you must:

- Identify the individual.
- Ensure that the individual certifies each environmental analysis.
- Submit a certified copy of each environmental analysis with Folder II of the Multifamily Mortgage Loan Delivery Package Table of Contents ([Form 6502.Folder.II](#)).



## Glossary

### A

**Appraiser** Person engaged to estimate a Property's market value per USPAP.

**Synonyms**

- Appraiser's
- Appraisers

**ASTM** American Society for Testing Materials

### B

**Borrower** Person who is the obligor per the Note.

**Synonyms**

- Borrowers
- Borrower's

### C

**Commitment Date** Date a Commitment is confirmed by Fannie Mae per [Part IV, Chapter 2: Rate Lock and Committing, Section 204: Commitments](#).

### M

**Multifamily Mortgage Loan Delivery Package Table of Contents** [Form 6502.Folder.I.and.Folder.III](#), [Form 6502.Folder.II](#), or another Fannie Mae-approved Table of Contents for a Mortgage Loan Delivery Package.

### P



Phase I ESA	<p>Environmental Site Assessment conducted per the current ASTM E-1527 standard and the resulting report.</p> <p><b>Synonyms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase I Environmental Site Assessment</li><li>• Phase I ESAs</li></ul>
Phase II ESA	<p>Environmental Site Assessment conducted per the current ASTM E-1903 standard, or any other post-Phase I ESA, and the resulting report.</p> <p><b>Synonyms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phase II Environmental Site Assessment</li></ul>
Property	<p>Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fee simple or Leasehold interest,</li><li>• Improvements, and</li><li>• personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code).</li></ul> <p><b>Synonyms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Properties</li><li>• Property's</li></ul>