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504.01 Environmental Site Assessments

Requirements

You must:

- comply with the Environmental Due Diligence Requirements (Form 4251), including obtaining a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I ESA) of the entire Property;
- ensure the Phase I ESA:
  - is performed per the instructions in Form 4251, including meeting the current requirements of ASTM E1527;
  - is prepared by an environmental professional as that term is defined in 40 C.F.R. 312.10 (an Environmental Professional);
  - identifies all environmental conditions and risks that may potentially impact
    - resident safety,
    - marketability, or
    - Property value; and
  - clearly identifies how to properly mitigate those conditions and risks, including where applicable:
    - the Environmental Professionals recommendations regarding additional investigation, or requirements of government authority or regulatory agency; or
    - action to remediate or abate any Recognized Environmental Condition (REC)/Controlled Recognized Environmental Condition (CREC), as those terms are defined in ASTM E1527; and
- obtain Fannie Mae's approval before Rate Lock if the Phase I ESA identified any RECs/CRECs.

Guidance

You may rely on a preliminary or draft Phase I ESA to obtain a Rate Lock and Commitment.

Glossary

A

ASTM	American Society for Testing Materials

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
Control	Possessing, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the management and operations of an entity (e.g., through the ownership of voting securities or other ownership interests, or by contract). **Synonyms** • Controlling • Controlled • Controls

E

Environmental Site Assessment	Investigation and resulting report (Phase I ESA or Phase II ESA) conducted per Environmental Due Diligence Requirements (Form 4251), identifying if a Property has Recognized Environmental Conditions or Business Environmental Risks. **Synonyms** • ESA • Environmental Site Assessments

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Phase I ESA	Environmental Site Assessment conducted per the current ASTM E-1527 standard and the resulting report. **Synonyms** • Phase I Environmental Site Assessment • Phase I ESAs
Property	Multifamily residential real estate securing the Mortgage Loan, including the • fee simple or Leasehold interest, • Improvements, and • personal property (per the Uniform Commercial Code). **Synonyms** • Properties • Property's

R

Rate Lock	Agreement between you and the Investor containing the terms of the Lender-Arranged Sale or Multifamily Trading Desk trade of the Mortgage Loan and the MBS terms and conditions relating to the underlying MBS, if applicable, which may be documented via a recorded telephone conversation. **Synonyms** • Rate Locks