Policy Update from the GSEs
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An important note about today’s discussion

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Data Integrity

*Stats from 2015 comparables with multiple observations

Data integrity has improved due to CU™ and AQM, but we have more work to do.
Comparable Selection

Dark Blue Line = Eventual Sale Price

*Stats from 2012-2015 FM REO transactions (SAME PROPERTY)

Comp selection largely varies between REO listing & subsequent purchase of same property.
Despite improvement in the last year, GLA adjustments are still consistently near $40 per square foot regardless of market location, property size, or price tier.
Property Inspection Waiver

DU offers to waive the appraisal for certain refi transactions.

Step One: Lender submits casefile to DU

Step Two: DU issues offer to waive appraisal

Step Three: Lender accepts the appraisal waiver offer

Step Four: Lender delivers loan to Fannie Mae with the DU casefile ID and SFC 801

Success!

Day 1 Certainty for property value, condition, and marketability
Property Inspection Waiver - Benefits

- **Increased operational efficiencies**
  The PIW can shorten the loan origination process by eliminating the need to obtain and review an appraisal on eligible refi transactions.

- **Day 1 Certainty**
  Exercising a PIW offer relieves the lender from representations and warranties on the value, condition, and marketability of the property.

- **Reduced loan origination costs**
  The PIW provides a lower cost alternative to an appraisal, while eliminating appraisal-related delays in the origination process.

- **Ease-of-use**
  Lenders can exercise the PIW offer by providing Special Feature Code (SFC) 801 at time of loan delivery to Fannie Mae.
## PIW – Eligible and Ineligible Transactions

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*DU Refi Plus* loan casefiles will continue to be eligible for the DU Refi Plus property fieldwork waiver.
Certainty on Appraised Value

Harnessing the power of Collateral Underwriter® (CU™), Fannie Mae will offer freedom from representations and warranties related to the property value for eligible loan casefiles.

Step One: Submit an appraisal through the Uniform Collateral Data Portal®

Step Two: Get real-time feedback from CU

Step Three: With a CU risk score of 2.5 or lower, the appraisal is eligible for freedom from reps and warrants on property value*
Collateral Policy Changes
Disclosure of Information to Appraisers

Previously, we required the lender to provide the appraiser with all amendments made to a sales contract, including amendments that are made after completion of the appraisal. With this update, we have clarified when the appraiser must be provided with updates to the sales contract and circumstances that warrant updates to the appraisal.

For example, if the contract is amended in a way that affects the description of the real property used by the appraiser, then the lender must provide the updated contract to the appraiser and the appraisal should be updated. However, minor updates to the contract, such as changes to seller paid closing costs or changes to the contract price, do not require an updated appraisal. In addition, we have updated the policy to require disclosure of changes to financing information (such as loan fees and charges, and subordinate financing provided by interested parties) to the appraiser only for purchase transactions.
Comparables in New Projects or Subdivisions

Currently, we require the appraiser to select at least one closed sale from the subject subdivision or project and one sale from outside the subject subdivision or project when selecting comparables for the appraisal. (The third comparable can be from inside or outside the subdivision or project.) In new subdivisions or projects, compliance with this requirement may be difficult due to a lack of closed sales.

With this update, we will now accept two pending sales in lieu of one closed sale in the subject subdivision or project in the event closed sales are not yet available. When this flexibility is used, the appraiser must also provide at least three closed comparable sales from outside the subject subdivision or project.

Property Inspection by Appraiser Trainee

We have clarified our existing policy that allows an unlicensed or uncertified appraiser, or an appraiser trainee to complete the property inspection. When the unlicensed or uncertified appraiser or appraiser trainee completes the property inspection, the supervisory appraiser is not required to also inspect the property.
Appraiser Trainees (Appraiser Selection Criteria B4-1.1-03)

- Recently we clarified our long-standing policy allowing use of appraiser trainees: the supervisory appraiser is not required to accompany the trainee on the inspection.

- A trainee (or similar classification) may perform a significant amount of the appraisal (or the entire appraisal if qualified to do so) and sign the left side of the appraiser certification as the Appraiser if:
  - he or she is working under the supervision of a state-licensed or certified appraiser,
  - the right side of the appraiser certification is signed by that supervisor appraiser, and
  - it is acceptable under state law

- If a trainee is used, the supervisory appraiser does not need to physically inspect the subject property or comparables, but must sign the right side of the report and certify that he or she:
  - Directly supervised the appraiser (trainee),
  - Reviewed the appraisal report,
  - Agrees with statements and conclusions of the appraiser (trainee),
  - Agrees to be bound by certifications set forth in Fannie Mae’s appraisal report forms, and
  - Takes full responsibility for the appraisal report.
Adjustments to an Appraisal for Sales Concessions

With this update, we have clarified that appraisers may use dollar for dollar adjustments for financing or sales concessions when such an adjustment approximates the local market’s response to these types of concessions.

Effective Date

These changes and clarifications are effective immediately.

More Information

https://www.fanniemae.com/content/announcement/sel1701.pdf
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