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**TO: All FHA-Approved Mortgagees and Servicers;
All Other Interested Stakeholders in FHA Transactions**

NEWS AND UPDATES

FHA Issues Temporary Policy to Waive Requirements for “Interior” Photographs in Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published a [temporary policy waiver](#) to its [Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1](#) requirements that suspends the standard inspection requirement for “interior” photographs of property in designated Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas (PDMDAs).

This waiver of requirements for interior photographs in PDMDAs is now consistent with the temporary inspection guidance allowing for exterior-only or desktop-only inspections due to the COVID-19 National Emergency currently in place.

Quick Links:

- View the temporary policy waiver requirement for interior photographs in PDMDAs at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/waivers/
- Access the online or PDF versions of the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook 4000.1* at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/handbooks/hsgb
- View Mortgagee Letter 2020-05 and all other archived Mortgagee Letters at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/administration/hudclips/letters/mortgagee

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- Visit our online knowledge base to obtain answers to frequently asked questions 24/7 at: www.hud.gov/answers.
- E-mail the FHA Resource Center at: answers@hud.gov. Emails and phone messages will be responded to during normal hours of operation, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (Eastern), Monday through Friday on all non-Federal holidays.

- Call 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach this number by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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