

NATIONAL UNDERWRITING BULLETIN

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The purpose of this bulletin is to advise you that effective immediately no WFG commitments to insure, and no WFG lender's or owner's title insurance policies may be written on properties in Orleans Parish, Louisiana until further notice.

A computer crash in late October caused a very serious loss of data from the late 1980s until late 2009 that researchers must reconstruct before any real estate transactions can safely be closed.

Most, if not all, of the data will eventually be recovered, but there remain serious gaps especially in the mortgage indices.

Without access to the missing data, accurate and complete title searches, commitments and policies are not possible, resulting in an unacceptable level of risk to Lenders, Title Companies and Consumers.

The Clerk of Court's office for Orleans Parish reports that it is working tirelessly to restore the data and functionality we all expect.

WFG will rescind this bulletin as soon as it determines that it is again safe to insure titles to real property in Orleans Parish.

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