New Freddie Mac Form Coming Soon

The new Freddie Mac Form 1033, One-Unit Residential Appraisal Desk Review Report, will be released soon. Form 1033 is designed to help appraisers comply with USPAP. It has similar scope and content to Freddie Mac Form 1032, One-Unit Residential Appraisal Field Review Report.

If Mapping is Down

An interruption in mapping services is rare and usually brief. When it happens there are several ways to check the status. First, always refer to Facebook and Twitter. Go to the WCA website for up-to-the-minute information. Notice is placed there as soon as it happens. If you contact technical support to report an outage, you will hear a voice mail message. Also, you will see a message on chat to verify the problem is universal. These messages are removed as soon as mapping is reinstated.

Anytime mapping is down, we suggest you retry accessing the site as soon as it happens. If mapping is down for an extended period, there will be sent with an explanation and an estimated time of repair.

Find Saved Reports Using Autosave

Autosave gives you the ability to find your previously saved reports quickly. Should you have a problem and need to open a recently autosaved file, you may be needlessly upset if you cannot find it.

In the Real Easy Appraisal application, check your settings to make sure they are at their default setting. Click on Edit > Preferences > General and set the autosave interval to 5 minutes. The number of autosaved reports to 100.

Save time by creating a shortcut to your autosave directory:
- From My Documents:
  - My RealEasy Appraisals (browse to the Autosave folder)
  - Right click on it
  - Select Send to Desktop
  - Create Shortcut

Now you are using autosave effectively.

RealEasy Appraisals v13.3 Provides New Validation, New Updates

RealEasy Appraisals v13.3 will be released later this month. It provides validation for an additional ten forms, as well as other important updates.

The Report Validator now supports these additional forms:
- FNMA 1004C - Manufactured Home Appraisal Report
- FNMA 1004D - Appraisal Update and/or Completion
- FNMA 1025 - Small Residential Income Property Appraisal
- FNMA 2000 - One-Unit Residential Appraisal Field Review
- FNMA 2000A - Two to Four Unit Res Appraisal Field Review
- FNMA 2075 - Desktop Underwriter Property Inspection
- FNMA 2090 - Individual Cooperative Interest Appraisal
- FNMA 2095 - Exterior-Only Individual Coop Interest Appraisal
- HUD Compliance Inspection Report
- LandSafe Land Appraisal Report
- A1 Connect

In addition to new validation of these ten forms, several other improvements are highlighted in this upgrade. New checks have been added to some non-UAD forms and to the FAD validation rules. Speed of the validation process has also been improved.

In Comp Manager, the speed of the Search Address In Report feature has been improved.

On the HUD Compliance Inspection Report and the CIR addendum, the expiration date has been changed to 07/31/2017. Several corrected maintenance issues round out RealEasy Appraisals v13.3.

Social Media Dominates; Email Practices Still Important

Social Media continues to grow, evolve and expand. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter. They are as easy to use as a button click and provide important, timely information immediately.

YouTube rules when it comes to tutorials or instructions of any kind. If you are looking for ideas, go to Pinterest. All the social media options have a place, but don’t forget email as a primary source of communication at work.

Avoid sending the wrong attachment. If you decide to double-check an attachment immediately before sending and determine that you need to make changes, don’t forget to update the source file.

Making corrections to the version that is attached to the email can lead to different versions of the same document floating around. Always put emails in context. Even if you were talking to someone an hour ago about something, remind them why you’re writing. In this multi-tasking world, it’s easy for even the sharpest minds to forget things.