

County Recorder Outages

lowa Title Guaranty is aware that certain county recorder's offices are experiencing outages that may impact searching and recording. As a reminder, lowa Title Guaranty's guidance in situations such as these are that so long as the county recorder is accepting filings and permitting participating abstractors access to information, transactions will not be affected. However, if filings are not being accepted, the following requirements must be followed:

- CPL or Gap Coverage: If a closing protection letter ("CPL") or Gap Coverage
 Endorsement has been or will be issued, closing may not occur unless and until
 the county recorder is processing filings and permitting abstractor access to perform
 necessary title searches through the filing date of the vesting deed and/or
 guaranteed mortgage.
- No CPL or Gap Coverage: If a CPL or Gap Coverage Endorsement has not been and will not be issued, lowa Title Guaranty will permit closing to occur. However, the certificate(s) shall not be issued unless and until the participating abstractor has performed the proper searches through the filing date of the guaranteed mortgage and/or vesting deed and the examining attorney has confirmed proper title vesting, clear title, and desired lien priority in the final title opinion. While ITG may permit closing in this instance, ITG strongly cautions against closing under these circumstances, as the closer will assume any and all liability for matters revealed in the gap.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the <u>lowa Title Guaranty Team</u>.

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