- (iii) Require the mortgagor to furnish the purchaser with a copy of the Plan, before any sales contract is signed.
- (g) Periodic analysis. Any Plan developed in accordance with this section must provide that an analysis of the water supply shall be obtained from the local (or state) health authority no less frequently than annually, but more frequently, if determined at any time to be necessary by the health authority or by the service contractor.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

§ 203.249 Effect of amendments.

The regulations in this subpart may be amended by the Secretary at any time and from time to time, in whole or in part, but such amendment will not adversely affect the interests of a mortgagee under the contract of insurance on any mortgage or loan already insured, and will not adversely affect the interest of a mortgagee on any mortgage or loan to be insured for which either the Direct Endorsement or Lender Insurance mortgagee has approved the mortgagor and all terms and conditions of the mortgage or loan, or the Secretary has issued a firm commitment. In addition, such amendment will not adversely affect the eligibility of specific property if such property is covered by a conditional commitment issued by the Secretary, a certificate of reasonable value issued by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or an appraisal report approved by a Direct Endorsement or Lender Insurance underwriter.

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Subpart B—Contract Rights and Obligations

DEFINITIONS

§ 203.251 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated:

- (a) *Commissioner* means the Federal Housing Commissioner or his authorized representative.
- (b) \overline{Act} means the National Housing Act, as amended.
- (c) FHA means the Federal Housing Administration.
- (d) Mortgage is defined at $\S 203.17(a)(1)$.
- (e) *Mortgagor* means the original borrower under a mortgage and his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.
- (f) Mortgagee means the original lender under a mortgage and its successors and such of its assigns as are approved by the Commissioner.
 - (g)-(h) [Reserved]
- (i) Insured mortgage means a mortgage which has been insured as evidenced by the issuance of a Mortgage Insurance Certificate or by the endorsement of the credit instrument for insurance by the Commissioner.
- (j) Contract of Insurance means the agreement evidenced by the issuance of a Mortgage Insurance Certificate or by the endorsement of the Commissioner upon the credit instrument given in connection with an insured mortgage, incorporating by reference the regulations in this subpart and the applicable provisions of the Act.
- (k) *MIP* means the mortgage insurance premium paid by the mortgagee to the Commissioner in consideration of the contract of insurance.
 - (1)-(m) [Reserved]
- (n) Open-end advance means an insured advance made by an approved mortgagee in connection with a previously insured mortgage, pursuant to an open-end provision in the mortgage.
- (o) Open-end insurance charge means the charge paid by the mortgagee to the Commissioner in consideration of the insurance of an open-end advance.
- (p) Beginning of amortization means the date one month prior to the date of the first monthly payment to principal and interest.
- (q) *Maturity* means the date on which the mortgage indebtedness would be extinguished if paid in accordance with periodic payments provided for in the mortgage.
- (r) Debentures means registered, transferable securities in certificated or book entry form which are valid and binding obligations, issued in the name