

NUVEEN INSURED NEW YORK TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND
Form N-Q
February 27, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-21211

Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 09/30

Date of reporting period: 12/31/08

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NRK)

December 31, 2008

Principal

Amount (000) Description (1)

Consumer Staples □ 2.9% (1.8% of Total Investments)

| | | |
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| \$ | 1,500 | New York Counties Tobacco Trust III, Tobacco Settlement Pass-Through Bonds, Series 2003, 5.750%, 6/01/33 |
| | 325 | Puerto Rico, The Children's Trust Fund, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.375%, 5/15/33 |

1,825 Total Consumer Staples

Education and Civic Organizations □ 22.1% (13.7% of Total Investments)

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| | 2,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Long Island University, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 9/01/32 □ RAAI Insured |
| | 2,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Series 1994A, 5.150%, 7/01/24 □ MBIA Insured |
| | 1,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 2003B, 5.250%, 7/01/32 (Mandatory put 7/01/13) □ SYNCORA GTY Insured |
| | 410 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 7/01/31 □ MBIA Insured |
| | 1,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Mount St. Mary College, Series 2003, 5.000%, 7/01/32 □ RAAI Insured |
| | 2,500 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Rochester Institute of Technology, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 7/01/22 □ AMBAC Insured |
| | | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Rochester Institute of Technology, Series 2006A: |
| | 100 | 5.250%, 7/01/20 □ AMBAC Insured |
| | 80 | 5.250%, 7/01/21 □ AMBAC Insured |
| | 225 | Madison County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Colgate University, Tender Option Bond Trust 3127, 10.840%, 7/01/40 □ AMBAC Insured (IF) |
| | | New York City Industrial Development Authority, New York, PILOT Revenue Bonds, Yankee Stadium Project, Series 2006: |
| | 170 | 5.000%, 3/01/31 □ FGIC Insured |
| | 1,425 | 5.000%, 3/01/36 □ MBIA Insured |
| | 840 | 4.500%, 3/01/39 □ FGIC Insured |

11,750 Total Education and Civic Organizations

Health Care □ 22.8% (14.1% of Total Investments)

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| | 2,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds, Lutheran Medical Center, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/31 □ MBIA Insured |
| | 3,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital Revenue Bonds, St. Barnabas Hospital, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 2/01/31 □ AMBAC Insured |
| | 345 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Hudson Valley Hospital Center, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/27 □ FSA Insured |
| | 1,000 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Revenue Bonds, Montefiore Medical Center, Series 2005, 5.000%, 2/01/22 □ FGIC Insured |
| | 255 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Health Quest System Inc., Series 2007B, 5.125%, 7/01/37 □ AGC Insured |
| | 25 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2003-1, 5.000%, 7/01/21 □ MBIA Insured |

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- 810 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, New York and Presbyterian Hospital, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/15 ☐ FSA Insured
- 750 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, South Nassau Communities Hospital, Series 2003B, 5.500%, 7/01/23
- 305 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, The New York and Presbyterian Hospital Project, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/15/36 ☐ FSA Insured
- 500 New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York, Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 2/15/17 ☐ FSA Insured
- 2,640 New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York, Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 2/15/21 ☐ AMBAC Insured

11,630 Total Health Care

Long-Term Care ☐ 0.6% (0.3% of Total Investments)

- 300 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, GNMA Collateralized Revenue Bonds, Cabrini of Westchester Project, Series 2006, 5.200%, 2/15/41

Tax Obligation/General ☐ 8.6% (5.3% of Total Investments)

- 2,055 Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 2/15/47 ☐ FGIC Insured
- 2,155 New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 1998H, 5.125%, 8/01/25 ☐ MBIA Insured
- 225 New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2006C, 5.000%, 8/01/16 ☐ FSA Insured
- 85 New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 1198, 10.750%, 11/01/19 ☐ FSA Insured (IF)

4,520 Total Tax Obligation/General

Tax Obligation/Limited ☐ 48.8% (30.2% of Total Investments)

- 2,695 Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority, New York, Sales Tax Revenue State Aid Secured Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/12 ☐ MBIA Insured
- 3,000 Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, School Districts Financing Program, Series 2002D, 5.250%, 10/01/23 ☐ MBIA Insured
- 340 Erie County Industrial Development Agency, New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District: 5.750%, 5/01/27 ☐ FSA Insured (UB)
- 1,085 Erie County Industrial Development Agency, New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District Project, Series 2007A, 5.750%, 5/01/28 ☐ FSA Insured (UB)
- 1,000 Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, State Service Contract Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/25 ☐ FGIC Insured
- 560 Monroe Newpower Corporation, New York, Power Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.500%, 1/01/34
- New York City Sales Tax Asset Receivable Corporation, New York, Dedicated Revenue Bonds, Local Government Assistance Corporation, Series 2004A:
 - 610 5.000%, 10/15/25 ☐ MBIA Insured (UB)
 - 555 5.000%, 10/15/26 ☐ MBIA Insured (UB)
- 740 New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Building Aid Revenue Bonds, Fiscal Series 2007S-2, 5.000%, 1/15/28 ☐ FGIC Insured

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| 3,000 | New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003C, 5.250%, 8/01/18 ☐ AMBAC Insured |
| 2,000 | New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Refunding Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003D, 5.000%, 2/01/22 ☐ MBIA Insured |
| 305 | New York Convention Center Development Corporation, Hotel Fee Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3126, 10.829%, 11/15/44 ☐ AMBAC Insured (IF) |
| 1,290 | New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 1/01/23 ☐ FGIC Insured |
| 950 | New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Second General, Series 2005B, 5.500%, 4/01/20 ☐ AMBAC Insured |
| 1,200 | New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 5.250%, 6/01/20 ☐ AMBAC Insured |
| 750 | New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/21 |
| 1,860 | New York State Urban Development Corporation, Service Contract Revenue Bonds, Correctional and Youth Facilities, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 1/01/17 (Mandatory put 1/01/11) |

21,940 Total Tax Obligation/Limited

Transportation ☐ 6.9% (4.2% of Total Investments)

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| 1,000 | Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/15/25 ☐ FGIC Insured |
| 1,875 | New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005F, 5.000%, 1/01/20 ☐ AMBAC Insured |
| 140 | New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2007H, 5.000%, 1/01/25 ☐ FGIC Insured |
| 170 | Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred Forty Eighth Series 2008, Trust 2920, 11.256%, 8/15/32 ☐ FSA Insured (IF) |

3,185 Total Transportation

U.S. Guaranteed ☐ 26.2% (16.2% of Total Investments) (4)

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| 1,185 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Nursing Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Shorefront Jewish Geriatric Center Inc., Series 2002, 5.200%, 2/01/32 (Pre-refunded 2/01/13) |
| 145 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Improvement Revenue Bonds, Mental Health Services Facilities, Series 1999D, 5.250%, 2/15/29 (Pre-refunded 8/15/09) ☐ FSA Insured |
| 395 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 1999B, 5.125%, 7/01/28 (Pre-refunded 7/01/09) ☐ MBIA Insured |
| 500 | Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, North Shore Long Island Jewish Group, Series 2003, 5.375%, 5/01/23 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13) |
| 100 | Erie County Water Authority, New York, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1990B, 6.750%, 12/01/14 ☐ AMBAC Insured (ETM) |
| 3,500 | New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2002B, 5.000%, 4/01/20 (Pre-refunded 4/01/12) ☐ AMBAC Insured |
| 500 | New York State Urban Development Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, State Facilities and Equipment, Series 2002C-1, 5.500%, 3/15/21 (Pre-refunded 3/15/13) ☐ FGIC Insured |
| 2,000 | Power Authority of the State of New York, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/15/20 (Pre-refunded 11/15/12) ☐ Insured |

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| 1,975 | Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, New York, General Purpose Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 1/01/31 (Pre-refunded 1/01/12) □ MBIA Insured |
| 450 | TSASC Inc., New York, Tobacco Flexible Amortization Bonds, Series 1999-1, 6.250%, 7/15/34 (Pre-refunded 7/15/09) |

10,750 Total U.S. Guaranteed

Utilities □ 4.7% (2.9% of Total Investments)

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| | Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A: |
| 1,130 | 5.000%, 12/01/23 □ FGIC Insured |
| 870 | 5.000%, 12/01/25 □ FGIC Insured |
| 125 | Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 12/01/35 □ CIFG Insured |
| 110 | Power Authority of the State of New York, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 11/15/19 □ FGIC Insured |

2,235 Total Utilities

Water and Sewer □ 1.0% (0.6% of Total Investments)

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| 495 | New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds: 5.000%, 6/15/36 □ MBIA Insured (UB) |
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\$ 68,630 Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$69,382,352) □ 144.6%

Principal Amount (000) Description (1)

Short-Term Investments □ 17.3% (10.7% of Total Investments)

\$ 7,849 State Street Euro Dollar Time Deposit

Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$7,849,332)

Total Investments (cost \$77,231,684) □ 161.9%

Floating Rate Obligations □ (5.1)%

Other Assets Less Liabilities □ 2.7%

Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value □ (59.5)% (5)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares □ 100%

At least 80% of the Fund's net assets (including net assets attributable to Auction Rate Preferred shares) are invested in municipal securities that are covered by insurance or backed by an escrow or trust account containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities or U.S. Treasury-issued State and Local Government Series securities to ensure the timely payment of principal and interest.

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.

The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds insured by ACA, AGC, AMBAC, CIFG, FGIC, FSA, MBIA, RAAI and SYNCORA as of December 31, 2008. Subsequent to December 31, 2008, and during the period this Portfolio of Investments was prepared, there may have been reductions to the ratings of certain bonds resulting from changes to the ratings of the underlying insurers both during the period and after period end. Such reductions would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured by that insurer or insurers presented at period end.

- (4) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- (5) Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 36.7%.
- (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
- (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
- (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction pursuant to the provisions of SFAS No. 140.

Fair Value Measurements

During the current fiscal period, the Fund adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS No.157) "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. In determining the value of the Fund's investments various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 - Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of December 31, 2008:

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Investments | \$7,849,332 | \$65,660,994 | \$ - | \$73,510,326 |

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate transactions subject to SFAS No. 140. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At December 31, 2008, the cost of investments was \$74,915,916.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at December 31, 2008, were as follows:

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| Gross unrealized: | |
| Appreciation | \$ 1,313,004 |
| Depreciation | (5,034,212) |
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| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$(3,721,208) |

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date February 27, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date February 27, 2009

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date February 27, 2009