

NUVEEN INSURED TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND
Form N-Q
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**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 811-21213

Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jessica R. Droeger 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: 10/31

Date of reporting period: 01/31/05

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NEA)

January 31, 2005

Principal

Description⁽¹⁾

Optional Call

Provisions* Ratings**

Market

Value

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Principal Amount (000)		Optional Call	Market
Alabama - 8.3% (5.5% of Total Investments)			
\$ 5,655	Colbert County-Northwest Health Care Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Helen Keller Hospital, Series 2003, 5.750%, 6/01/27	6/13 at 101.00	Baa3 \$ 5,786,875
3,100	Huntsville Healthcare Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.400%, 6/01/22 - MBIA Insured	5/12 at 102.00	AAA 3,423,206
6,280	Jefferson County, Alabama, Sewer Revenue Capital Improvement Warrants, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 2/01/32 (Pre-refunded to 8/01/12) - FGIC Insured	8/12 at 100.00	AAA 6,992,152
1,750	Montgomery, Alabama, General Obligation Warrants, Series 2003, 5.000%, 5/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	5/12 at 101.00	AAA 1,890,123
4,500	Sheffield, Alabama, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.500%, 7/01/29 - AMBAC Insured	7/13 at 100.00	Aaa 5,025,825
Arizona - 3.8% (2.5% of Total Investments)			
10,000	Maricopa County Pollution Control Corporation, Arizona, Revenue Bonds, Arizona Public Service Company - Palo Verde Project, Series 2002A, 5.050%, 5/01/29 - AMBAC Insured	11/12 at 100.00	AAA 10,490,600
California - 28.8% (19.0% of Total Investments)			
13,500	California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 4/01/30 - XLCA Insured	4/12 at 100.00	AAA 14,372,910
7,500	California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/31 - AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AAA 7,838,850
26,300	California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, Department of General Services, Capital East End Project, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 12/01/27 - AMBAC Insured (PLG)	12/12 at 100.00	AAA 27,502,962
2,910	Cathedral City Public Financing Authority, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Housing Set-Aside, Series 2002D, 5.000%, 8/01/26 - MBIA Insured	8/12 at 102.00	AAA 3,077,965
2,500	Irvine Public Facilities and Infrastructure Authority, California, Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 9/02/23 - AMBAC Insured	3/05 at 103.00	AAA 2,575,975
4,000	Montara Sanitation District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 8/01/28 - FGIC Insured	8/11 at 101.00	AAA 4,191,120
1,130	Plumas County, California, Certificates of Participation, Capital Improvement Program, Series 2003A: 5.250%, 6/01/19 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 101.00	AAA 1,254,718
1,255	5.250%, 6/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 101.00	AAA 1,384,052
1,210	Redding Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Capital Improvement Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/23 - AMBAC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	AAA 1,276,695
3,750	Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2003R, 5.000%, 8/15/28 - MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AAA 3,939,975
1,500		5/13 at 100.00	AAA 1,573,770

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	San Diego Community College District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/01/28 - FSA Insured			
3,000	San Jose Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 2002, 5.000%, 8/01/32 - MBIA Insured	8/10 at 101.00	AAA	3,094,800
1,055	Turlock Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 1/01/28 - MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,100,112
6,300	University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 5/15/33 - AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	AAA	6,575,310
Colorado - 3.8% (2.5% of Total Investments)				
4,300	Bowles Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003: 5.500%, 12/01/23 - FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.00	AAA	4,878,479
3,750	5.500%, 12/01/28 - FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.00	AAA	4,206,113
1,450	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Peak-to-Peak Charter School, Series 2004, 5.250%, 8/15/24 - XLCA Insured	8/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,581,124
Florida - 1.1% (0.8% of Total Investments)				
3,000	Pinellas County Health Facilities Authority, Florida, Revenue Bonds, Baycare Health System, Series 2003, 5.500%, 11/15/27	5/13 at 100.00	A1	3,180,930
Georgia - 1.4% (0.9% of Total Investments)				
3,825	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Georgia, Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Second Indenture Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/32 - MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.00	AAA	3,983,355
Illinois - 3.9% (2.6% of Total Investments)				
	Cook County School District 100, Berwyn South, Illinois, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003B:			
905	5.250%, 12/01/21 (Pre-refunded to 12/01/13) - FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.00	Aaa	1,028,234
405	5.250%, 12/01/21 - FSA Insured	12/13 at 100.00	Aaa	447,254
	Cook County School District 145, Arbor Park, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:			
3,285	5.125%, 12/01/20 - FSA Insured	12/14 at 100.00	Aaa	3,613,139
2,940	5.125%, 12/01/23 - FSA Insured	12/14 at 100.00	Aaa	3,198,838
2,500	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Lake Forest Hospital, Series 2003, 5.250%, 7/01/23	7/13 at 100.00	A-	2,589,300
Indiana - 8.9% (5.8% of Total Investments)				
2,500	Evansville, Indiana, Sewerage Works Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - AMBAC Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AAA	2,678,375
2,190	Indiana Bond Bank, Common School Fund Advance Purchase Funding Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/19 - MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AAA	2,363,689
1,000		8/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,075,490

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Indiana University, Student Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 2003O, 5.000%, 8/01/22 - FGIC Insured		
IPS Multi-School Building Corporation, Indiana, First Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2003:		
11,020 5.000%, 7/15/19 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AAA 11,971,797
6,000 5.000%, 7/15/20 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AAA 6,500,640
Kansas - 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)		
6,250 Kansas Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Board of Regents, Scientific Research and Development Facilities Projects, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 10/01/22 - AMBAC Insured	4/13 at 102.00	AAA 6,755,938
Kentucky - 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments)		
Kentucky State Property and Buildings Commission, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Project 77, Series 2003:		
340 5.000%, 8/01/23 - MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AAA 379,549
985 5.000%, 8/01/23 - MBIA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AAA 1,056,856
Louisiana - 2.3% (1.5% of Total Investments)		
5,785 New Orleans, Louisiana, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.300%, 12/01/27 - FGIC Insured	12/12 at 100.00	AAA 6,335,443
Massachusetts - 4.9% (3.3% of Total Investments)		
9,000 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Senior Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/27 - FGIC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AAA 9,428,130
1,125 Massachusetts Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds, Middlesex School, Series 2003, 5.125%, 9/01/23	9/13 at 100.00	A1 1,203,491
3,000 Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Metropolitan Highway System Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 1997A, 5.000%, 1/01/37 - MBIA Insured	1/07 at 102.00	AAA 3,062,370
Michigan - 12.0% (7.9% of Total Investments)		
6,130 Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AAA 6,575,528
4,465 Detroit, Michigan, Senior Lien Water Supply System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003C, 5.000%, 7/01/22 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AAA 4,806,394
955 Grand Rapids Community College, Kent County, Michigan, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 5/01/18 - AMBAC Insured	5/13 at 100.00	AAA 1,062,590
10,800 Michigan Strategic Fund, Limited Obligation Resource Recovery Revenue Refunding Bonds, Detroit Edison Company, Series 2002D, 5.250%, 12/15/32 - XLCA Insured	12/12 at 100.00	AAA 11,419,380
2,250 Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2001, 5.250%, 5/01/25	5/11 at 100.00	AA+ 2,468,925
6,500 Wayne County, Michigan, Limited Tax General Obligation Airport Hotel Revenue Bonds, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 12/01/30 - MBIA Insured	12/11 at 101.00	AAA 6,753,500

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Missouri - 1.1% (0.7% of Total Investments)				
	Clay County Public School District 53, Liberty, Missouri, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004:			
1,325	5.250%, 3/01/23 - FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,464,403
1,500	5.250%, 3/01/24 - FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,652,985
Nebraska - 1.9% (1.2% of Total Investments)				
5,000	Lincoln, Nebraska, Sanitary Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/15/28 - MBIA Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AAA	5,252,650
Nevada - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)				
2,315	Clark County, Nevada, Subordinate Lien Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.200%, 7/01/31 - FGIC Insured	7/11 at 100.00	AAA	2,423,134
New Mexico - 1.4% (0.9% of Total Investments)				
	New Mexico State University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2004:			
1,975	5.000%, 4/01/19 - AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AAA	2,156,108
1,530	5.000%, 4/01/23 - AMBAC Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,646,969
New York - 9.4% (6.2% of Total Investments)				
25,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002F, 5.000%, 11/15/31 - MBIA Insured	11/12 at 100.00	AAA	26,053,750
North Carolina - 3.3% (2.2% of Total Investments)				
8,700	North Carolina Medical Care Commission, Revenue Bonds, Maria Parham Medical Center, Series 2003, 5.375%, 10/01/33 - RAAI Insured	10/13 at 100.00	AA	9,227,916
Ohio - 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)				
2,270	Columbus, Ohio, Tax Increment Financing Bonds, Easton Project, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 12/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	6/14 at 100.00	AAA	2,444,336
Oregon - 3.9% (2.6% of Total Investments)				
9,350	Oregon Health Sciences University, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 7/01/32 - MBIA Insured	1/13 at 100.00	AAA	9,762,616
1,000	Sunrise Water Authority, Oregon, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 3/01/19 - FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,090,220
Pennsylvania - 8.6% (5.7% of Total Investments)				
3,000	Lehigh County General Purpose Authority, Pennsylvania, Hospital Revenue Bonds, St. Luke's Hospital of Bethlehem, Series 2003, 5.375%, 8/15/33	8/13 at 100.00	BBB	3,077,340
2,000	Philadelphia Gas Works, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, General Ordinance, Fourth Series 1998, 5.000%, 8/01/32 - FSA Insured	8/13 at 100.00	AAA	2,082,180
925	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 1997A: 5.125%, 8/01/27 - AMBAC Insured	8/07 at 102.00	AAA	986,753

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4,075	5.125%, 8/01/27 - AMBAC Insured	8/07 at 102.00	AAA	4,329,606
13,000	State Public School Building Authority, Pennsylvania, Lease Revenue Bonds, Philadelphia School District Project, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/01/33 - FSA Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AAA	13,515,450
South Carolina - 7.3% (4.8% of Total Investments)				
5,000	Florence County, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Bonds, McLeod Regional Medical Center, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/23 - FSA Insured	11/14 at 100.00	AAA	5,491,700
3,000	Greenville County School District, South Carolina, Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2003: 5.000%, 12/01/22	12/13 at 100.00	AA-	3,161,850
1,785	5.000%, 12/01/23	12/13 at 100.00	AA-	1,875,928
1,365	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.375%, 3/01/19 - FGIC Insured	3/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,533,072
8,000	South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 10/01/33 - AMBAC Insured	10/12 at 100.00	Aaa	8,311,680
Texas - 13.1% (8.6% of Total Investments)				
7,975	Fort Bend Independent School District, Fort Bend County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, 5.000%, 8/15/25	8/10 at 100.00	AAA	8,432,526
12,500	Grand Prairie Independent School District, Dallas County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003, 5.125%, 2/15/31 - FSA Insured	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	13,107,000
5,515	Houston, Texas, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 5.250%, 3/01/20 - MBIA Insured	3/12 at 100.00	AAA	6,073,173
2,000	Houston, Texas, First Lien Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 5/15/25 - MBIA Insured	5/14 at 100.00	AAA	2,183,320
5,850	Katy Independent School District, Harris, Fort Bend and Waller Counties, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 2/15/18	2/12 at 100.00	AAA	6,378,255
Virginia - 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)				
1,500	Hampton, Virginia, Revenue Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2002, 5.125%, 1/15/28 - AMBAC Insured	1/13 at 100.00	AAA	1,589,760
Washington - 9.2% (6.1% of Total Investments)				
4,945	Broadway Office Properties, King County, Washington, Lease Revenue Bonds, Washington Project, Series 2002, 5.000%, 12/01/31 - MBIA Insured	12/12 at 100.00	AAA	5,114,663
5,250	Chelan County Public Utility District 1, Washington, Hydro Consolidated System Revenue Bonds, Series 2002C, 5.125%, 7/01/33 - AMBAC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AAA	5,467,875
2,135	Kitsap County Consolidated Housing Authority, Washington, Revenue Bonds, Bremerton Government Center, Series 2003, 5.000%, 7/01/23 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	Aaa	2,266,644
1,935		6/13 at 100.00	Aaa	2,162,266

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Principal		Optional Call		Market
	Pierce County School District 343, Dieringer, Washington, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 12/01/17 - FGIC Insured			
9,670	Washington, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003D, 5.000%, 12/01/21 - MBIA Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AAA	10,452,303
West Virginia - 1.2% (0.8% of Total Investments)				
3,000	West Virginia State Building Commission, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Regional Jail and Corrections Facility, Series 1998A, 5.375%, 7/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	3,459,510
Wisconsin - 6.6% (4.4% of Total Investments)				
1,190	Sun Prairie Area School District, Dane County, Wisconsin, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004C, 5.250%, 3/01/24 - FSA Insured	3/14 at 100.00	Aaa	1,305,644
4,750	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Wausau Hospital Inc., Series 1998A, 5.125%, 8/15/20 - AMBAC Insured	8/08 at 102.00	AAA	5,088,960
3,000	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Meriter Hospital Inc., Series 1992A, 6.000%, 12/01/22 - FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	AAA	3,541,860
3,600	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Wheaton Franciscan Services Inc., Series 2003A, 5.125%, 8/15/33	8/13 at 100.00	A	3,679,848
4,605	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity Healthcare Ministry, Series 2003A, 5.875%, 9/01/33	9/13 at 100.00	A-	4,790,301
\$ 395,385	Total Long-Term Investments (cost \$396,729,382) - 151.5%			420,607,400

Other Assets Less Liabilities - 0.4% 1,023,556

Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value - (51.9)% (144,000,000)

Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares - 100% \$277,630,956

Forward Swap Contracts outstanding at January 31, 2005:

	Notional Amount	Effective Date ⁽²⁾	Swap Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
Agreement with Goldman Sachs dated December 6, 2004, to pay semi-annually the notional amount multiplied by 5.324% (annualized) and receive quarterly the notional amount multiplied by the three-month USD-LIBOR (United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rates).	\$5,000,000	7/11/05	7/11/25	\$(220,642)
Agreement with Goldman Sachs dated December 7, 2004, to pay semi-annually the notional amount multiplied by 5.401% (annualized) and receive quarterly the notional amount multiplied by the three-month USD-LIBOR (United States Dollar-London				

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			Swap	Unrealized
Inter-Bank Offered Rates). Agreement with Goldman Sachs dated January 10, 2005, to pay semi-annually the notional amount multiplied by 5.251% (annualized) and receive quarterly the notional amount multiplied by the three-month USD-LIBOR (United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rates).	20,000,000	7/18/05	7/18/35	(1,142,634)
Inter-Bank Offered Rates).	18,000,000	8/16/05	8/16/25	(594,682)
				\$(1,957,957)

At least 80% of the Fund's net assets are invested in municipal securities that are either covered by Original Issue Insurance, Secondary Market Insurance or Portfolio Insurance which ensures the timely payment of principal and interest. Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be invested in municipal securities that are (i) either backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities (also ensuring the timely payment of principal and interest), or (ii) municipal bonds that are rated, at the time of investment, within the four highest grades (Baa or BBB or better by Moody's, S&P or Fitch) or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser.

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Effective date represents the date on which both the Fund and counterparty commence interest payment accruals on each forward swap contract.
- * 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.
- ** Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's or Moody's rating.
- (PLG) Portion of security with an aggregate market value of \$1,945,076, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations under forward swap contracts.

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 income on taxable market discount securities and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on security transactions.

At January 31, 2005, the cost of investments was \$396,710,770.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at January 31, 2005, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$23,896,630
Depreciation	-
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	\$23,896,630

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: 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 Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger--Vice President and Secretary

Date 04/01/05

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--Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date 04/01/05

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

Date 04/01/05

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.