

Why Legacy Lens Refuses

Deterministic governance requires saying "no" when proof collapses.

Legacy Lens is designed to refuse governance approval when guarantees cannot be proven from source. This is intentional.

WHAT REFUSAL MEANS

A refusal (REFUSE or NO-GO) indicates that provable guarantees terminate under the declared governance context.

It does not mean:

- the system is broken
- a runtime incident exists
- modernization is impossible
- compliance has failed

It means equivalence cannot be asserted without assumptions.

Legacy Lens does not approve based on assumption.

WHY REFUSAL IS NECESSARY

Legacy systems often rely on:

- runtime defaults
- environment-specific behavior
- implicit error handling
- undocumented control flow

These behaviors may be stable on the original platform but are not encoded in source.

When systems are migrated or re-platformed, those assumptions break.

Legacy Lens refuses approval where:

- error paths are implicit (example: missing CICS RESP handling)
- control flow is dynamic or self-modifying
- execution targets are unresolved
- behavior depends on runtime configuration

Approving under these conditions would require guessing.

WHAT LEGACY LENS DOES INSTEAD