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Subj: TERMINATION OF ADOBE FLASH PLAYER SERVICE IN 2020

1. Adobe Flash Player is a computer software that has been used for many years in the development of multimedia tools that contain rich Internet applications and streaming audio and video. It has been popularly applied to the creation of many Coast Guard and Auxiliary training tools like online courses and slide presentations. Unfortunately, Adobe Flash Player will become obsolete by the end of 2020. The ability to run Adobe Flash Player in Microsoft Edge, Internet Explorer, and other browsers will be removed across all supported versions of Microsoft Windows. In effect, users will no longer have any ability to enable or run Adobe Flash Player, and Coast Guard files that leverage it will be rendered inoperable by December 28, 2020.

2. Due to this impending loss of Adobe Flash Player, several Coast Guard and Auxiliary courses that are normally available through the Auxiliary Learning Management System (AUXLMS) have either already become unavailable or will no longer be available after December 28, 2020. Even if these AUXLMS courses are relocated elsewhere (e.g., to the Auxiliary Online Classroom), they will still be rendered inoperable by the loss of Adobe Flash Player. The following table summarizes the status of several courses of interest to Auxiliarists:

	Course Number and Name of Course	Location in AUXLMS	Is It Available Now?	Will It be Available After December 28, 2020?
1	Auxiliary Fingerprint Technician / Citizenship Verifier	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
2	Auxiliary Flotilla Leadership Course	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
3	502306 - Ethics I (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
4	502319 – Civil Rights Awareness (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
5	502379 – Workforce Resilience (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
6	810000 – Sexual Harassment Prevention (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
7	810015 – Privacy at DHS (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
8	810030 – Security Fundamentals (Auxiliary Core Training course)	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes

9	100202 - Introduction to Risk Management	Auxiliary Catalog	No	No
10	500997 – IS-700.A Introduction to NIMS	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
11	501375 - IS-100.B Introduction to ICS	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
12	502325 - ICS-210	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
13	100293 – Blood Borne Pathogens	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	No
14	501538 – Emergency Response First Responder Awareness	Auxiliary Catalog	Yes	Yes
15	502258 – Auxiliary Uninspected Passenger Vessel Examiner PQS	Coast Guard Catalog	No	No
16	500320 – Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examiner	Coast Guard Catalog	Yes	No
17	502829 – Federal Cyber Awareness Challenge	Coast Guard Catalog	No	No
18	502290 – Influenza Training	Coast Guard Catalog	Yes (but no content)	No

3. Efforts have been initiated to convert Coast Guard and Auxiliary courses from their current versions to operable versions that do not rely upon Adobe Flash Player. However, these conversions are not expected to be completed until February-March 2021. Auxiliarists are therefore strongly encouraged to complete online course work by December 28, 2020 if it involves courses that will no longer be available by that date.

4. Internet release is authorized.

For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA.

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