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1. An upgrade of the COGNOS software that supports AUXINFO will occur on June 21, 2017. This schedule has been set based on contractual obligations at the Coast Guard Operations Systems Center (OSC) to complete specific work items previously funded and scheduled.

2. This upgrade is not arbitrary but mandatory. Security vulnerability issues and mandates, coupled with the fact that older software versions are no longer supported, make the upgrade necessary. AUXINFO's server operating system, its COGNOS software, and the portal interface software will all be upgraded. From a user perspective, there will be changes in the appearance to the user interface, however no cube or report structures themselves will change. Again, AUXINFO's cubes, both new and legacy, will not change, nor will the National Reports.

3. While AUXINFO's look and feel will change, there is another key concern for users. The upgrade is to COGNOS' server software (which is four generations old), and it will erase the current cube shortcut structures. Existing AUXINFO bookmarks/shortcuts will not be transferred. Additionally, it will not be possible to run the current and upgraded systems in parallel, so once the upgrade is complete there will be no way to study old bookmarks/shortcuts. This means that if an AUXINFO user wants to maintain an established bookmark/shortcut, they will need to make note of what is included in the bookmark by June 20, and then recreate it after the upgrade.

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