ALAUX 16-15 - AUXINFO AVAILABILITY STATUS

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1. The following information provides an update to ALAUX 001/15 issued on January 12, 2015 and ALAUX 003/15 issued on February 6, 2015 which dealt with anticipated disruptions to AUXINFO availability.

2. AUXINFO is an invaluable online tool for Coast Guard and Auxiliary leaders from national to flotilla levels to monitor Auxiliary program activities. It carries similar value by enabling each Auxiliarist to monitor their own activities. Its lifecycle age, supportability, and increasing cyber security considerations necessitate a long-term replacement plan as well as a bridging strategy between now and then. Long-term replacement planning is underway with other Coast Guard offices.

3. A bridging strategy was recently achieved in the form of an upgrade of the COGNOS software upon which AUXINFO is based. This upgrade will occur in the last quarter of calendar year 2015. It will take place during regularly scheduled maintenance periods, so there should be no additional downtime for the system. There will be minor appearance changes to the system, but functionality will be essentially identical to that provided by current software.

4. The URL for AUXINFO will not change due to the upgrade, however all bookmarked reports that are currently available are expected to cease working after the upgrade. Instructions on remapping the bookmarks will be issued prior to the upgrade. Although such remapping will pose a temporary inconvenience for users, the overall upgrade will help ensure AUXINFO sustainment.