SPS – Vista
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Microsoft's newest Operating System (O/S), Vista has been released to the general public. Some Federal agencies have begun the transition from their current O/S to Vista.

We (FMS) have begun to look at the potential impacts or incompatibilities that may be presented when using SPS with Vista.

Here's what we've done so far:

We've installed Vista on a workstation in our Lab and have begun to get familiar with the Vista world.

Here's what we will do:

Later this year ('08) we will begin to test SPS with Vista. Based on the test results, we will determine what appropriate changes, if any, will need to be made to SPS.

When will SPS be Vista ready?

At this time (3/18/08), we do not have an exact timetable for making SPS compatible with Vista. Later this year, and well into next year, we will be exploring what will need to be done to insure a smooth transition to Vista. We expect this process to be complete either later this year or early to mid year of 2009.

What should Federal Agencies do:

FMS will continue the support of SPS on Windows XP O/S for the foreseeable future. Agencies are expected to keep using SPS on Windows XP at least until FMS announces their support of SPS operating on Vista.

For FPAs who move to Vista before FMS has tested and made the needed changes to SPS, FMS cannot guarantee the FPA's SPS results nor will FMS support be available for troubleshooting.

"Note that the Microsoft support for Windows XP O/S is expected to be continued for the foreseeable future."