

# 1. Introduction

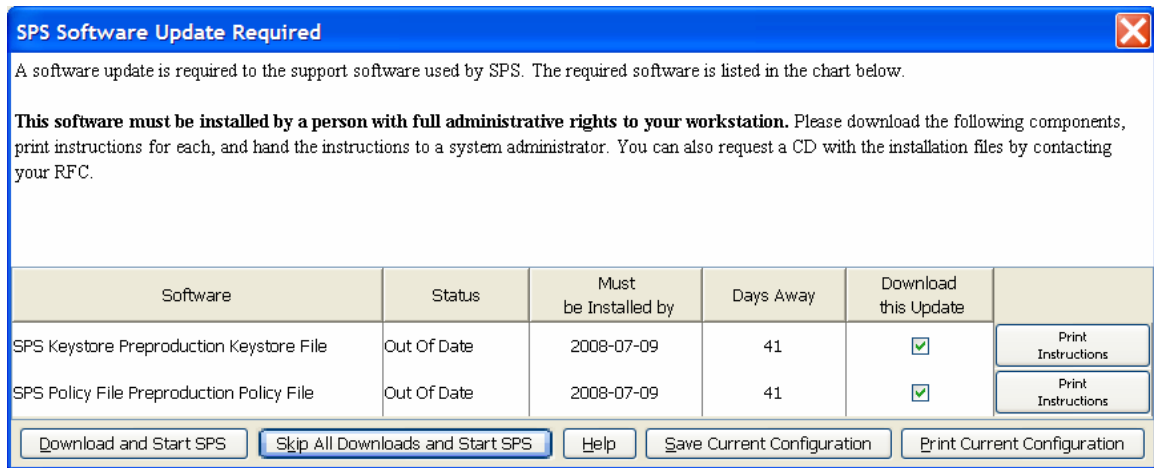
This document explains “what’s new” with the next release of SPS (ReIP 11.0) from the perspective of SPS users (including DEO and CO user roles). This new release provides support for stronger versions of cryptographic components (2048-bit keys and SHA-2). The normal SPS activity remains unchanged. This document also contains information about upcoming changes to SPS, and to the list of supported operating systems and Java Plug-ins.

This new release is expected to be available on Monday June 9, 2008.

# 2. What’s New

## *All Roles – SPS Configuration files need to be updated*

All SPS installations have configuration files that need to be periodically updated. The current release of SPS includes “Auto Distributor” functionality that warns the user with a pop-up screen similar to the one shown in Figure 1, to let users know that their SPS installation needs an update soon.



**Figure 1: SPS Software Update Required Pop-up**

Note that the exact text in the “SPS Software Update Required” popup may be different from the one shown in Figure 1: the date/time of the expiry may be different and in the future, the list of expiring software items may be different and could include (Java Plug-in, SPS Keystore Production Keystore File, and SPS Policy File Production Policy File) The buttons in the “SPS Software Update Required” popup may be different from the one shown in Figure 1: the “Download and Start SPS” button may be disabled.

To update SPS installations to the latest version, end users are recommended to use the latest “SPS Installation CD” provided by your servicing RFC and follow instructions provided on that CD.

### **3. Upcoming Changes to SPS**

The next release of SPS is expected to offer functional enhancements and bug fixes.

Windows XP (with latest patches and updates) is the only supported Operating System for SPS. Even though our official support will be dropped for Windows 2000, we expect (but can not guarantee) SPS to continue to function with Windows 2000 Operating System after June 2007. The support for Windows XP is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. SPS support for the new Windows Vista Operating System is expected to be available in 2009.

SPS supports Java Plug-in 1.5.0\_11. SPS support for the new Java plug-in version 1.6.0\_x is, expected to be available mid to late 2008. Note that SPS no longer supports the Java Plug-in version 1.3.x\_y or 1.4.x\_y.

### **4. For More Information**

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