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E-GOVERNMENT RELEASE NOTES

On February 20th OFM Systems will be installing a new release of e-Gov. The release contains enhanced security features that will directly affect all users. This is being done to strengthen the security of the system and its data and ensure OFM compliance with Department standards. The enhanced security features are:

1. Password Aging: e-Gov will now force all users to change their passwords every 60 days.
2. Increased password complexity: Passwords will now need to be 12 characters in length. The password must be composed of characters from at least three of the following four groups from the standard keyboard:
 - Upper case letters (A-Z);
 - Lower case letters (a-z);
 - Arabic numerals (0 through 9); and
 - Non-alphanumeric characters (punctuation symbols)
3. Account locking: After 3 unsuccessful attempts, the account will be locked. When this occurs the OFM Helpdesk will need to be contacted to unlock the account.
4. Password reuse: Users cannot reuse the same password. A history will be kept of the last 24 passwords.