

## Re: Expired Recovery Agent EFS Cert

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Once you add the new certificate to the Group Policy where the EFS RA is specified then the users on the computers should be able to use EFS again one their Group Policy refreshes to show a valid certificate. You can run gpupdate on the XP pro computers to speed up the propagation of Group Policy otherwise it should take approximately 90 minutes for computers already online. You can run rsop.msc on an XP Pro computer to see if the change has propagated. Be sure to export a copy of the new RA certificate AND private key to a password protected .pfx file on external media for safe eping. --- Steve

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> I am on a Windows 2000 domain where the Administrator account is set as  
> the Recovery Agent at the domain level policy. The certificate recently  
> expired for that account and some XP machines can no longer encrypt files  
> or folders. When doing so they receive this error:  
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> "Recovery policy configured for this system contains invalid recovery  
> certificate."  
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> I have done some looking, but I am still a little foggy on what steps I  
> need to do to replace that certificate with a current one. It looks like  
> I can run cipher /r to generate a recovery cert on an XP machine, import  
> it into the Administrator's account using the Certificates MMC and then  
> re-add Administrator to the policy as a recovery agent. After that it  
> appears I can run cipher /u to update on the client machine to update it  
> with the new info. Is that correct? Any steps or details I am leaving  
> out?  
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> Thanks!  
> Jeffrey

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◇ *From:* Roger Abell [MVP]

- ***References:***

- ◆ ***Expired Recovery Agent EFS Cert***  
◇ *From:* Jeffrey

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