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SUMMARY

Rubrik CDM uses TOFU (Trust-On-First-Use) approach for SSL certificate validation when interacting with object store archival locations.

CDM fetches these certificates when a new archival location is added and persist them in in our local DB. CDM then re-fetches the the certificates when the archival location configuration is updated.

There is currently no mechanism available in Rubrik CDM versions to automatically force a refresh of these certificates. If the certificate is updated on an existing archival target, then it's state will be set to "TemporarilyDisconnected" and we will start seeing backup/restore/connectivity failures being reported on the Rubrik cluster. The following errors will be recorded in the cloud-storage-service log:

```
/var/log/cloud-storage-service
```

```
2021-01-13T13:32:37.023+0000 ERROR <18802.pool-5-thread-5> [commons.AwsUtils] An amazon client exc
while checking for retryable exception. Will be retrying if the cause of the exception would be so
exception and error code is in List(Request Limit Exceeded, Precondition Failed, InvalidSnapshot.
com.amazonaws.SdkClientException: Unable to execute HTTP request: sun.security.validator.Validator
PKIX path building failed: sun.security.provider.certpath.SunCertPathBuilderException:
unable to find valid certification path to requested target
```

ENVIRONMENT

All versions of Rubrik CDM (up to and including v5.3.0-p1)
S3-Compatible Archival Target Location

CAUSE

SSL Certificate has been updated on S3 Compliant Archival target but has not been refreshed on the Rubrik cluster.

In CDM version 5.2+ Rubrik added a feature which can help customers identify archival locations that are in a "TemporarilyDisconnected" status.
The user can now view this status information in the "Archival Locations" view of the Rubrik UI.

A product enhancement is planned for a future Rubrik CDM release which will automatically refresh these certificates. The enhancement is currently targeted for CDM 5.3.1.

RESOLUTION

Workaround

The following steps will force a refresh of the SSL certificate associated with an existing Archival Target:

1. Go to "Archival Locations" in the Rubrik UI.
2. Open the relevant archival target for editing.
3. Do not make any change to the config and select "Update".

If the issue persists, then please engage Rubrik Customer Support.

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