

# THE JULY 2026 TRIAGE WINDOW: WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR MICROSOFT 365 ROADMAP

By mid-2026, every Microsoft 365 environment will face a clear reality: either it is ready for AI, or it carries operational risk?

As AI becomes part of everyday work, one shift is unavoidable **Microsoft 365 is no longer just where work happens; it's where business knowledge lives.** How that knowledge is structured, protected, and governed now directly affects security, compliance, and the reliability of AI-assisted decisions. This brief reflects our hands-on experience helping organizations prepare Microsoft 365 for AI using Microsoft Purview.



## Why 2026 Is A Turning Point

We are now inside the **Microsoft 365 Triage Window.** What was once manageable technical debt is now **operational risk**, driven by non-negotiable fixed deadlines:

### April 2, 2026

SharePoint 2013 workflows are fully retired, with no extensions



### July 14, 2026

SharePoint Server 2016/2019 and InfoPath reach end of support



### July 2026

Legacy alerts and IDCRL are phased out; OAuth and Power Automate become the security baseline



July 2026 represents a clear inflection point. Planned modernization today is materially less disruptive - and significantly less costly - than reactive recovery later.

## Why Governance Now Determines AI Outcomes

At Reality Tech, we view governance as **AI readiness**, not restriction. When data ownership and permissions aren't consistent, AI results become unreliable leading to unintended exposure and loss of trust. Governance is therefore a prerequisite for AI adoption.

Microsoft Purview helps address this by:

- **Providing visibility** into sensitive data across the tenant
- **Reinforcing access boundaries**, ensuring AI surfaces only authorized content

## Our Focus: July Readiness (Governance, Migration, and Risk Removal)

Our priority is preparing environments for **July 2026**, ensuring core systems are secure, governed, and resilient before support windows close. This includes:

### Workflow Modernization

Moving SharePoint 2013 logic to governed Power Automate solutions



### Migration & Decommissioning

Transitioning SharePoint Server and InfoPath workloads while retiring unsupported platforms



### Tenant Rightsizing & Governance

Eliminating shelfware and hardening environments with **Microsoft Purview** to support secure, auditable AI and Copilot adoption



## Your Next Step

If your organization still relies on SharePoint Server 2016/2019, InfoPath, or SharePoint 2013 workflows, the window for a controlled transition is narrowing.

Reply to this email to schedule a 15-minute technical triage discussion. You'll leave with a clear view of what must be addressed before July and what can safely wait.

Best regards,

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