Incidents in the Tc-m99 supply chain

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You are probably aware of the HFR reactor delayed restart which occurred six weeks ago as well as coincidentally of the temporary stops of molybdenum processing facilities in The Netherlands (NRG licensed and Mallinckrodt operated) and South Africa (NTP).

The AIPES understands that, as early as within the next hours following these incidents, the companies involved have contacted their colleagues active in the field and, together, have initiated all possible necessary coordinated actions in order to mitigate the risks for the security of supply of the medical radio-isotopes. They have immediately informed their respective customers in the supply chain. All possible “Outage Reserve Capacity” is being activated wherever possible.

The AIPES and particularly the Reactors and Isotopes working group have been involved in an early stage in the communication towards the EANM, the European Community and other relevant associations. In order to ensure the optimization of the reactor schedule in relation with the last shut downs at the “processor” level in South Africa and The Netherlands, the Emergency Response Team (ERT) has been conveyed on November 6, 2013, and is taking all possible additional mitigation actions.

The Executive Committee brings to the attention of the members that the communication towards their customers regarding the investigation programs and the timing for resuming operations will remain the responsibility of our members who have unfortunately been affected by the incidents.

We will keep you informed of any near future developments.

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