

Communication from NMEU to EU Observatory for the Supply of Medical Radioisotopes Global Mo-99 and I-131 Production Impacted by delay of BR2 Reactor Restarting from Scheduled Maintenance

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The BR2 reactor informed the NMEU Emergency Response Team (ERT) on November 16 that the communication and discussion with the safety authorities of the results of recent investigations was initiated on November 7 and are still ongoing. The currently projected date for the restart of the reactor is Friday 18 November, subject to approval by the safety authorities.

NTP confirmed that Mo-99 irradiation and processing operations are proceeding normally and that SAFARI will operate until November 19. The OPAL reactor restarted on November 5 and the LVR-15 reactor now plans to restart on November 18 instead of the previously planned November 29.

Nuclear Medicine Europe continues to project that Mo-99 and I-131 shortages are expected until at least the fourth week of November.

NMEU is continuing to monitor the situation and will provide further communication to the nuclear medicine community on Friday 18 November.

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