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Dear Nuclear Medicine Professional,

Today the Nuclear Research & consultancy Group (NRG) in the Netherlands notified its customers that the repairs of the High Flux Reactor (HFR) are nearly complete. They have received approval from Dutch authorities for their return to service plan. HFR now plans to begin operation in early September, 2010, with molybdenum 99 (Mo 99) target irradiation beginning soon thereafter. Resulting Mo 99 supply for generator production is expected in mid-September.

Covidien has successfully worked with the Maria Research Reactor in Poland to secure additional Mo 99 during this extension of HFR unavailability. We are also in contact with other currently-producing Mo 99 sources to obtain any further Mo 99 they may have available during that time.

An updated August projection calendar for Tc 99m generators in the Americas is shown below. Projections are, as always, subject to change.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	X	24	X	26	X	28
29	X	31				

	Generator standing orders met with some extra
	Majority of generator standing orders met but no extra
	Generator standing order shortage resulting in size reductions
	Significant shortage to generator standing orders
X	No Mo99 supply expected; generator production cancelled

Increased thallium Tl 201 availability continues to be an option for those procedures where it can be a clinically appropriate substitute. You are encouraged to plan your thallium needs in advance and contact your Covidien Customer Service representative to ensure those needs are known.

We are committed to frequent communication when new updates are available. Please visit us at www.covidien.com/Mo99supply in the meantime to learn more.

Sincerely,

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