

## 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 an NMEU Emergency Response Team (ERT) meeting on November 4 that the inspections on the BR2 reactor have been finalized. The communication and discussion of the results with the safety authorities will start on November 7. The currently projected start date is November 17, subject to approval by the safety authorities.

NTP confirmed that Mo-99 irradiation and processing operations are proceeding normally, and the SAFARI will operate until November 19. The OPAL reactor restarts 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 supply disruptions are anticipated beginning the end of next week and both Mo-99 and I-131 shortages are expected through at least the third week of November.

NMEU is continuing to monitor the situation and will provide further communication to the nuclear medicine community on Tuesday November 8.

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