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Dear Covidien Customer,

As we continue to manage through the global supply challenges currently impacting the availability of molybdenum Mo 99, we remain committed to providing timely updates to you regarding the supply of Ultra-Technekow™ DTE (technetium Tc 99m generator) and to maximizing the global allocation of this important isotope to our customers in the U.S., Europe, Latin America, Canada and parts of Asia.

Please find below the latest details on multiple issues that are limiting the Mo 99 available to Covidien for use in producing technetium Tc 99m generators.

- The reactor in Belgium is currently scheduled to come back up in mid-October. This should help improve Mo 99 supply going into late October and November.
- The Covidien Mo 99 processing facility in The Netherlands was recently able to negotiate an agreement that will allow us to process Mo 99 from a reactor in France. We anticipate this agreement will help supplement Mo 99 supply beginning the second week of October.
- NRG has announced a possible repair plan for the High Flux Reactor in The Netherlands; however, execution of the repair will take until at least November to complete. As a result, the irradiation cycles through November have been cancelled.
- The reactors in Canada and South Africa are scheduled to be down for planned maintenance for several days during early October. This will impact the supply of Mo 99 for customers around the world late in the second full week of October.

Based on these variables, our ability to supply Tc 99m generators to our customers will continue to be limited over the next few weeks, and could vary daily depending on the day of production and the availability of Mo 99 from the global reactors. At present, we still anticipate resuming normal generator supply near mid-October. However, the raw material supply situation continues to evolve and could improve, or deteriorate and change this schedule based on multiple factors outside of our control.

We will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available or if significant changes impact product availability in the coming weeks. If you have additional questions, please contact your Covidien Imaging Solutions sales representative, or call Customer Service at 888-744-1414. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Lytle".

Rick Lytle  
General Manager