Progress on LEU TechneLite® Generators

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ABSTRACT

In January 2013 Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc. began manufacturing the TechneLite® (Technetium TC99m) generator using Molybdenum-99 (Mo99) produced from low-enriched uranium (LEU). For the past three and a half years the LEU TechneLite® generator has been manufactured in a weekly, dedicated manufacturing run. Over this period both the Mo99 supply chain has become more secure and reliable and there has been marked increase in customer demand. The centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) recently proposed to continue in 2017 the $10 add-on payment for non-HEU derived doses that was initiated as a part of the hospital outpatient prospective payment system (HOPPS) in 2013.

This paper will describe supply chain and commercial progress regarding LEU TechneLite® since the 2015 DOE Topical Meeting in Boston, including Lantheus’s continuing transition toward an all-LEU Mo99 Supply Chain.