

Outlook for Future Mo-99 Supply

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Overview

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Mo-99 Background

- Mo-99 is the parent isotope of Tc-99m
- Mo-99 provided through international supply chain
 - Currently, no Mo-99 production in United States
- Severe Mo-99 shortages in 2009 and 2010
- Nuclear pharmacies have increased efficiencies since 2009 and 2010
- Reduction and elimination of Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) based Mo-99 production
- American Medical Isotope Production Act (AMIPA)
 - The Act was incorporated in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 and enacted on January 2, 2013.
 - Intended to help establish a reliable domestic supply of non- HEU Mo-99

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AMIPA

- Provisions of the Act:
 - Requires DOE to establish a technology-neutral program to provide assistance to commercial entities to accelerate production of Mo-99 in the United States without the use of HEU
 - Requires annual public participation and review
 - Requires development assistance for fuels, targets, and manufacturing processes
 - Establishes a Uranium Lease and Take Back program
 - Requires DOE and NRC to coordinate environmental reviews where practicable
 - Provides a cutoff in exports of HEU for isotope production in 7 years, with possibility for extension in the event of a supply shortage
 - Requires a number of reports to be submitted to Congress

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Current U.S. Mo-99 Supply Matrix



Current Global Mo-99 Sources

Reactor	Location	Commissioning Date	Fuel Type	Target Type	Global Mo-99 Processor
NRU	Chalk River, Canada	1957	LEU	HEU	Nordion
HFR	Petten, Netherlands	1961	LEU	HEU*	Mallinckrodt/IRE
BR2	Mol, Belgium	1961	HEU	HEU*	Mallinckrodt/IRE
SAFARI	Pelindaba, South Africa	1965	LEU	HEU/LEU	NTP
MARIA	Otwock-Swierk, Poland	1974 1993 (rebuilt)	LEU	HEU*	Mallinckrodt
LVR-15	Rez, Czech Republic	Mid 1950's	LEU	HEU*	IRE
OPAL	Lucas Heights, Australia	2007	LEU	LEU	ANSTO

*In the process of converting to LEU targets

LEU - Low Enriched Uranium HEU - Highly Enriched Uranium

Mean age ~ 47 years Exclude Opal – Mean Age of Remaining Reactors ~ 54 years

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Delivering Reliable Supply

- Current Mo-99 Production
 - Extra targets added at current reactors
 - Additional reactors were added to the fleet (Maria and LVR-15)
 - Use of higher neutron flux positions in reactors
 - AIPES R&I Workgroup planning to ensure reliable supply
- Mo-99 Generator Manufacturers
 - Supply chain diversification; multi-sourcing Mo-99 (requiring mutual back-up arrangements)
 - Advance planning for scheduled outages
- Nuclear Pharmacies
 - Improving Tc-99m efficiency (e.g. reduce bulk Tc-99m, optimize delivery, new information technology)
- Hospitals and Physician Offices
 - Coordinate patient scheduling with Tc-99m availability
 - Using new technology to improve efficiencies and reduce Tc-99m activity

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Delivering Reliable Future Supply

- New North American Mo-99 Production Options CORAR Members:
 - Northwest Medical Isotopes, LLC:
 - Traditional fission (reactor) based approach irradiating LEU targets
 - Process irradiates targets/recover Mo-99 and recycle Uranium
 - Nordion, Inc.:
 - In conjunction with General Atomics and MURR LEU targets with SGE Technology
 - NorthStar Medical Technologies, LLC:
 - Traditional reactor irradiation of stable molybdenum targets; either natural Mo-98 or enriched Mo-98 and
 - Accelerator irradiation utilizing stable enriched Mo-100 targets
 - SHINE Medical Technologies
 - Accelerator based technology utilizing LEU solution
- Ongoing Efforts:
 - Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
 - Increasing target irradiation capacity at all reactors
 - Increasing from four to six Mo-99 productions per week
 - Converting to LEU targets
 - LEU Generators

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- Lantheus Medical Imaging
 - Diversifying Mo-99 and Xe-133 supply chain
 - LEU Generators



OECD HLG-MR Capacity 2016-2021

HLG-MR reports current Mo-99 demand (9,000 6-day Ci 99Mo/week EOP) and demand +35% ORC v total irradiation capacity and total processing capacity – projects delayed: Scenario C



Reliable Supply - NRU Post 2016

- Natural Resources Canada announcement (Feb. 6, 2015)
 - NRU operations extended to March 31, 2018; thereafter will be decommissioned
 - Support global Mo-99 demand between 2016 and 2018 in the unexpected circumstances of shortages
 - Reactor will have a routine operating schedule
 - Subject to licensing approvals, propose to operate the NRU reactor
 - Associated facilities required for Mo-99 processing would be kept in a "hot standby" mode for the same period
- CORAR Appreciates Canadian Government decision to support continuing operations of NRU reactor as a back-up Mo-99 producer from November 2016 - March 2018
 - Ensure that patients have continued access to important nuclear medicine products and procedures during a critical time

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Non-Domestic Mo-99 Projects

- NTP; South Africa
 - 20 MW Research Reactor called SAFARI-1; Currently manufacturing LEU Mo-99
 - Sustainable and reliable supply projected through 2030
- ANSTO Nuclear Medicine, Australia
 - Existing Mo-99 processing facility upgrade on track
 - Additional 1,000 6 day Ci's available August 2016
 - Managing transition program between existing facility and ANM
 - Full transition to new Mo-99 processing facility anticipated by mid 2017
 - Capacity for 3,500 6 day Ci's
- IRE, Belgium
 - Currently processing Mo-99 from HEU
 - Conversion to LEU projected for late 2017

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Key Points

- Increased Mo-99 efficiencies have been realized in the supply chain
- Fission production of Mo-99 will convert to LEU
- Current Mo-99 manufacturers have publicly reported increases in Mo-99 production capacity by current producers
 - Captured in latest HLG-MR report
- Canadian government plans for NRU as supplier of last resort
- Potential domestic Mo-99 producers are working on several technology tracks none require HEU targets
 - Augment international Mo-99 production activities
 - Domestic Mo-99 supply for patients in the United Sates
- Reduced risk for short and mid-term global Mo-99 shortages

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