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Note to the attention of Remik Baranczyk
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Subject: Temporary Cessation of Mo-99 Production Activities by NTP Radioisotopes (NTP)

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On Wednesday December 13th AIPES held a seventh teleconference of its Emergency Response Team (ERT) composed of Mo-99 processors, research reactors, and generator manufacturers to review developments regarding the temporary halt of Mo-99 production activities at NTP Radioisotopes (South Africa). NTP reported that the Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa (NECSA) continues to await approval from the South African National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) in response to its request to restart Mo-99 production operations at NTP.

NTP remains hopeful that NNR will authorize restart in order for NTP to resume Mo-99 shipments on December 18th.

If such approval is not obtained by Friday December 15, the ERT will pursue measures to address the Mo-99 supply challenges expected during the second half of December if NTP does not return to service.

AIPES will hold another ERT call on Friday, December 15th to receive a further update from NTP, after which it will provide an additional communication.

(Signed)

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