

## TC-99m Generator Update – 26 September 2018

It is a priority for our organisation to resume full local production of Tc-99m generators as soon as possible. We apologise for the extended delays.

### **Generator supply update:**

The scheduled September shutdown for OPAL is now underway and is expected to finish on 28 September.

During the week of 1 October, we anticipate having approx. 32 generators for GMS (which will be a mix of LMI and ANSTO generators); 30 LMI generators and 56 ANSTO generators for nuclear medicine sites to be delivered Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. A further 37 ANSTO generators will be manufactured next Wednesday and Thursday.

The above numbers may be able to be increased once final Mo-99 yields are available later this week and will be advised to customers and the Working Group once in place.

As flagged, there is another 11 day shutdown of the OPAL reactor scheduled to commence on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 and we are putting in place plans with an alternative overseas supplier in order to minimise the impact on our local customers as much as possible. It is anticipated that during this period, we will continue to supply a mix of locally produced generators supplemented by imported generators from Europe. Logistics are currently being confirmed for movement of generators from Europe to Australia and once completed, a trial delivery of generators from Europe will be planned in late October.

A summary of the above information is located at <https://www.ansto.gov.au/tc-99m-supply-status>

### **Allocation of generators to hospitals and clinics:**

ANSTO met with the Working Group and has shared information of our supply.

The available generators have been allocated and ANSTO will contact customers directly to confirm these arrangements. We will also publish the full delivery schedule on our website once it is available for all to see.

Indirect customers of ANSTO who receive their generators through GMS will be notified, as expected, by GMS. ANSTO will work with GMS to ensure that there is free access to this information to assist with scheduling.

Please keep an eye on our website for the details. We will work to publish these every Thursday or as soon as the distribution schedule is finalized each week. Thank you again to the members of the Nuclear Medicine Working Group representing **RAINS, ANZSNM, AANMS, NSW Health** and **GMS**, who have worked tirelessly with ANSTO over the last few months to ensuring that the reduced supply of generators gets to those most in need.

If you have any questions, please contact ANSTO directly on 1800 251 572