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Dear Nuclear Medicine Professional:

As you are likely aware, volcanic ash in Europe has resulted in the shutdown of airports throughout that region. This has delayed receipt of molybdenum 99 (Mo 99) at our U.S. technetium 99m generator production facility, resulting in cancelled productions.

Covidien is doing everything possible to provide maximum patient access to this critical isotope as quickly as possible, and we continue to explore all possible transportation options to ensure delivery of Mo 99 for generator production later this week.

These options include a variety of potential solutions—ground transport within Europe, rerouting through other airports, arranging special charter flights or utilizing commercial carriers not normally used. The alternatives often involve complex regulatory hurdles, both in Europe and the U.S. We are in close contact with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and will work with other agencies as needed. Timing is also critical, involving collaboration with transportation authorities to ascertain when some European airports may open and others may close.

We also continue to increase production of thallium Tl 201 within our supply capacity for those procedures where it can be a clinically appropriate substitute.

Your Covidien representative will continue to provide updates as they become available regarding generator production related to your specific needs. If you have questions, please contact your sales representative or our Customer Service department at 888-744-1414.

Sincerely,

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