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Ottawa, December 7, 2007 - The Canadian Nuclear Medicine Community is very concerned about the impact that the shutdown of the NRU reactor by the CNSC and AECL is having on patients. This impact is being diluted by discussions not directly related to patient care. This decision has already affected critical medical management decisions and the numbers affected will escalate as the shutdown progresses through the next several weeks. In North America, approximately 30,000 patients per week in Canada and 400,000 per week in the USA have nuclear medicine scans. The loss of this scanning capability impacts all areas of medicine, especially patients with cancer, heart lung and kidney disease. The CSNM wishes to emphasize that the whole community needs to work together to ensure that NRU reactor reinstatement be expedited as quickly as possible so that patient care is maintained and this incident is never repeated.

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