

Purpose

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is committed to open and transparent relationships with its stakeholders, including staff, patients, and the public. To ensure that public communications are informative, timely, and accurate, and that information is disclosed in accordance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements to the public, AHS has established a Public Disclosure Protocol (the “Protocol”) as part of our Public Information Program.

Scope

We have created a public information program as it relates to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) licensed activities surrounding the Positron Emission Tomography (PET) cyclotron located at Edmonton (CCI and MICF) and Calgary (TBCC). This program ensures that information related to the health, safety and security of persons and the environment, and other issues associated with the lifecycle of the cyclotron are effectively communicated to the public. In order to determine what types of information would be of public interest, AHS shall consult with public stakeholders and interest groups, with a primary focus on the local community.

Objectives

The objectives of the protocol are to:

- Provide information on health, safety and security of persons and the environment, and ensure issues associated with the cyclotron’s licensed operations and activities are communicated.
- Communicate on an ongoing and timely basis. Communications will address the public’s perceptions of risk, as well as the level of public interest of our cyclotron’s operations, activities and anticipated effects on environment and health and safety of persons.
- Ensure consistent standards and procedures for public disclosure of material non-material information.

AHS will inform CNSC of disclosures made under the public disclosure protocol at time of, or before, such disclosure.

Protocol

Table 1 lists the various types of information to be made public. Events which fall into these categories will be disclosed according to the timeframe indicated. AHS aims to publish information quickly for the benefit of the public. Information is released as soon as AHS staff can complete initial investigation steps to be sure that the information released is as accurate as possible.

Diagnostic Imaging PET Cyclotrons
Public Disclosure Protocol

Table 1

Information	Target Posting Timeframe	Information to be Posted
Significant operational developments, such as expansion or changes in facility design or operation	Within 2 weeks of confirmation of the development, depending on the nature and impact.	Description of the operational development and the impact on protection and safety.
Events with offsite effects or which could result in public interest and concern or media attention such as installation of changes to the property.	Within 2 weeks of confirmation of the event.	Description of the event and the impact on protection and safety.
Natural events with potential to have significant impact on protection and safety such as direct lightning strike, floods, etc.	<p>Within 72 hours of a natural event</p> <p>Within 2 weeks of a natural event, depending on the nature and impact.</p>	<p>Initial notification of the natural event and the immediate impact on protection and safety.</p> <p>Follow up notification identifying the impact on protection and safety and general description of corrective actions.</p>
Unplanned significant interruptions of facility operations resulting in significant disruption of customer isotope supply.	Within 1 week of confirmation of the interruption.	Notification of the interruption and the impact on protection or safety.
Event reporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire within or impacting the licensed facility • Serious industrial accidents (where there has been personal injury or a release to the environment). • Unplanned events exceeding regulatory limits (i.e. reportable to the CNSC or other regulatory agency) 	<p>Within 72 hours of the event.</p> <p>Within 28 days of the event.</p>	<p>A listing of the events that have taken place in the 24 hour period.</p> <p>Description of the unplanned event, the impact on protection and safety and general description of corrective actions.</p>