

OSIRIS has to carry out several refurbishment works with many sub-contractors during 2 long shutdown periods: June - October 2009 and March - September 2010. These works and periods correspond to CEA commitments towards French Nuclear Safety Agency in view of safe and reliable OSIRIS operability until the end of current licence (2015).



So unfortunately no much flexibility is possible for the period 2009-2010.

Reducing OSIRIS 2009 long shutdown period would indeed improve security of isotope supply, but in 2009 only, since postponing part of the work planned in 2009 until 2010 long shutdown period may cause some unforeseen delay for restarting in September 2010. Do note such a postponement would necessarily be subject to approval by French Nuclear Safety Agency.

I must outline the tendering process for works in 2009 has just finished and subsequent order is to be passed very soon. Stopping this process would indeed require very urgently a formal and motivated request to CEA.

I trust the information supplied is relevant for this case.

Very sincerely,

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