## University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR<sup>®</sup>)

Russell Gibson, Assistant Reactor Manager - Operations









## **OVERVIEW**

### MURR is Unique in the World

- Operates at 10 MW
- 24 hours a day
- 6.5 days a week
- 52 weeks per year

MURR started operations in 1965 and currently has 250+ full-time employees, not including students, interns, or part time workers

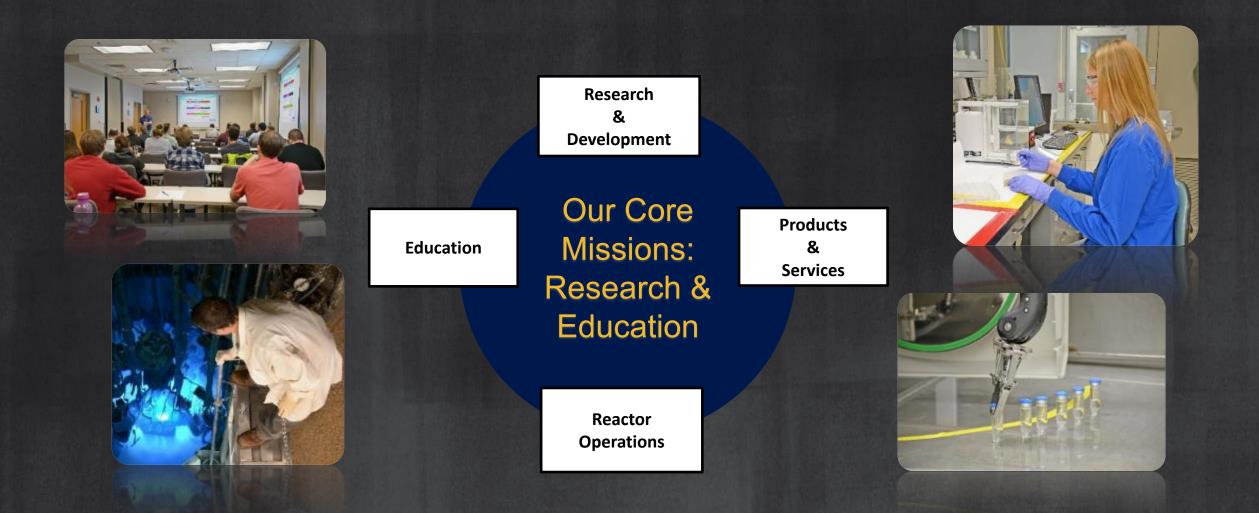


Fuel





### **MURR Core Missions**



## **RESEARCH AT MURR**

#### Life Sciences

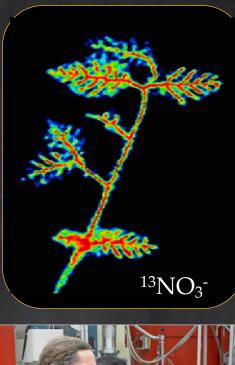
- Radiopharmaceutical Research
- Trace Element Epidemiology
- Plant Biology

#### **Social Sciences**

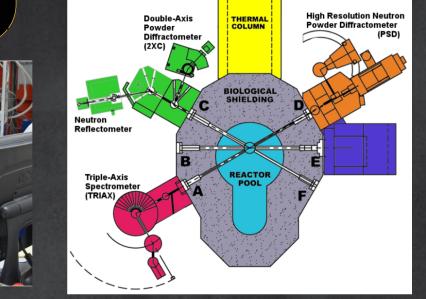
• Archaeometry

#### **Material Sciences**

- Quantum Magnetic Materials
- Crystallography and Magnetic Structure
- Materials for Energy Storage
- Post Irradiation Examination
- Multi-Functional Materials







## Radioisotopes

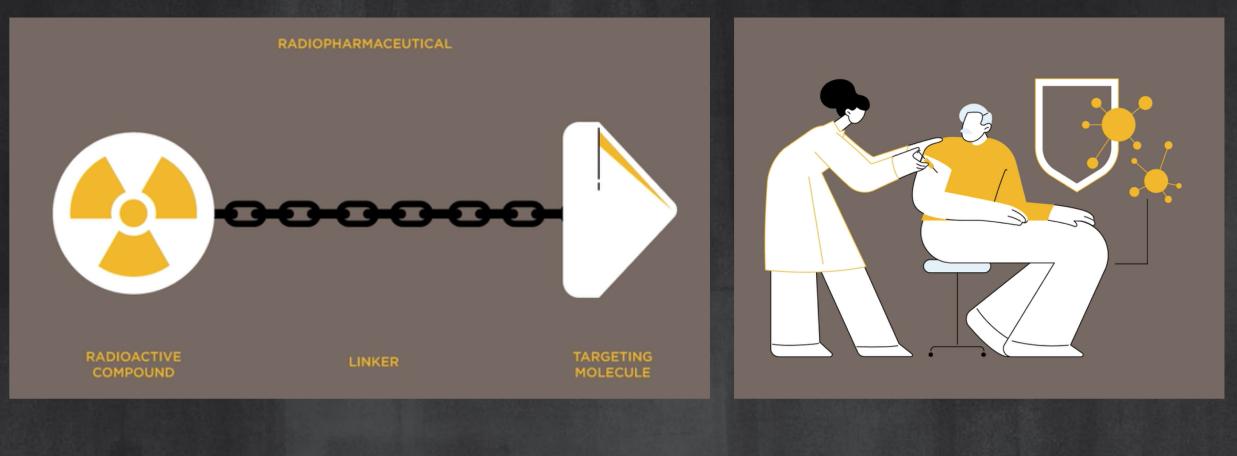
• Saving and extending lives for patients



Diana Pummill, *MU Health Care Lutathera patient* 

## **Targeted Radiotherapy**

Radioactive compounds are attached to targeting molecules using a linking agent. The targeting molecule attaches to cancer cells and the radioactive compound then kills the cancer cells. The radioactive compound also allows physicians to monitor the therapy's effectiveness via imaging.



## **Current Radiopharmaceutical Production**

MURR supplies radioisotopes to treat or diagnose up to 1.6 Million patients per year.

MURR is the only U.S. supplier of four radioisotopes used to detect and treat cancer and diagnose heart disease:

- TheraSphere<sup>®</sup> (Y-90) for liver cancer
- Lutathera<sup>®</sup> (Lu-177) for neuroendocrine tumors
- Pluvicto<sup>®</sup> (Lu-177) for prostate cancer
- I-131 for thyroid cancer and hyperthyroidism
- RadioGenix<sup>®</sup> (Mo-99/Tc-99m) for imaging and diagnosis



## **Current Radiopharmaceutical Production**

Number of Patients Treated by MURR products

lsotope	Patients/year	Indication
I-131*	16,000	Treatment for hyperthyroidism and thyroid carcinoma
Lu-177	62,000	Treatment for Neuroendocrine tumors (Lutathera®) and prostate cancer (Pluvicto®)
Y-90	5,000	Treatment for liver cancer
Mo-99	1,560,000	Mo-99 decays to Tc-99m, the leading imaging agent used to diagnose heart disease and cancer and to study organ structure and function

\*Number of patients treated will double in mid-2023 under new supply agreement.

## **Routine Isotope Supply & Global Distribution**

Isotopes Shipped Annually by MURR				
Au-198	lr-192	Sb-122		
Au-199	Kr-79	Sb-124		
Ba-131	Mo-99	Sc-46		
Ca-45	Na-24	Se-75		
Cd-115	P-32	Sm-153		
Ce-141	P-33	Sn-117m		
Co-60	Pd-109	Sr-89		
Cr-51	Po-210	W-181		
Cu-64	Rb-86	Y-90		
Fe-59	Re-186	Yb-169		
Lu-177	Ru-103	Zn-65		
Hg-203	S-35	Zr-95		

#### **Shipping Radioactive Materials:**

- MURR ships more than 1,000 packages each year
- MURR owns a fleet of shipping packages
- Logistics & Shipping staff ship around the globe

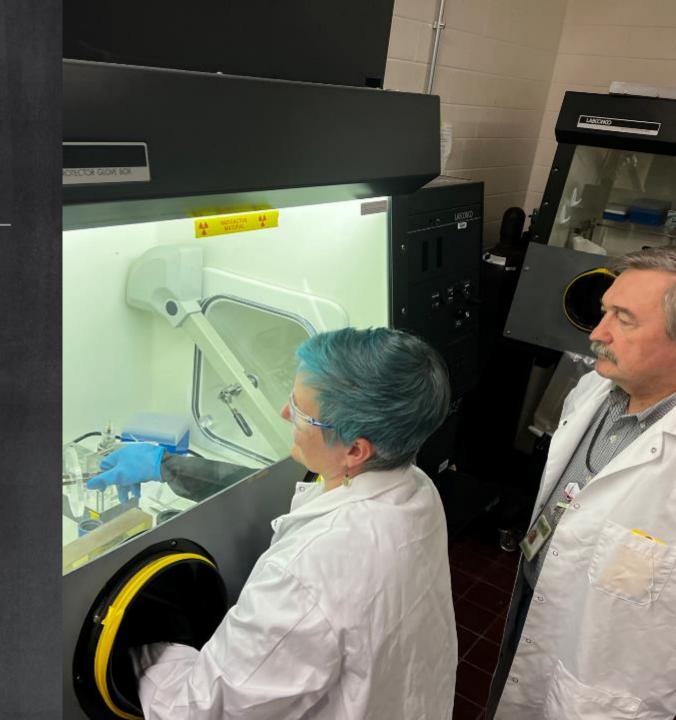




## **Research & Development for Future Production**

New Radioisotopes on the Horizon

- Rhenium-186
- Lutetium-177
- Gold-199
- Arsenic-77
- Terbium-161
- Targeted Alpha Therapy (TAT)
  - Actinium-225, Lead-212, Terbium-149, and Thorium-227



## **New Radiotherapies in the Pipeline**

Number of ongoing clinical trials for new radiotherapeutics

2,549 Phase 1
5,789 Phase 2
1,962 Phase 3

Source – ClinicalTrials.Gov

## **Complex Radiopharmaceutical Supply Chain**

MURR supports the entire radiopharmaceutical supply chain from new drug development and regulatory filing, to API production and delivery to pharmacies around the world.



New Drug Development



Regulatory

Filing



Isotope Supply







Shipping

# **Campus Partnerships**

Benchtop to Bedside Development





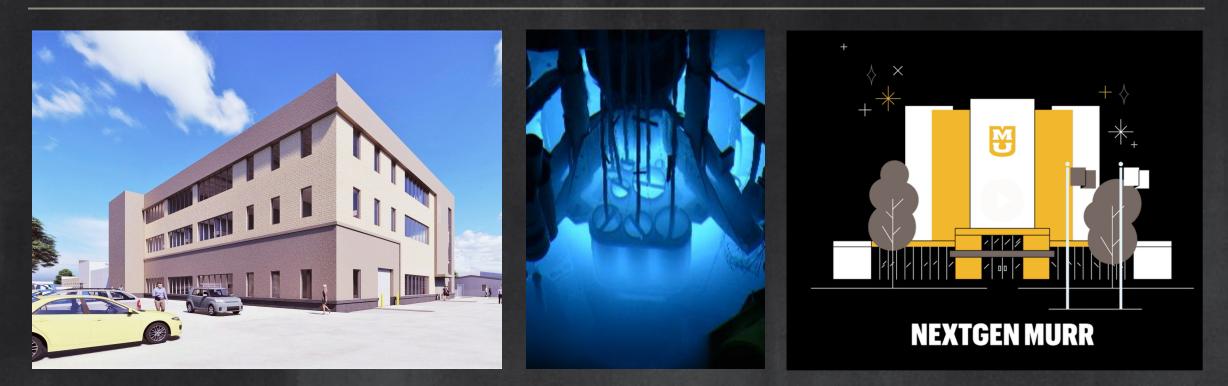


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## **MURR UPGRADES AND FUTURE PLANNING**

MURR West and NextGen MURR



### **MURR WEST**

48,000 Square Feet of Additional Space

- **Ground Floor** 16,000 square feet to expand laboratory and production space.
- Second Floor 16,000 square feet to provide office space and additional conference rooms for the expanding workforce at MURR.
- Third Floor 16,000 square feet for engineering labs, student use, and shell space for offices and production needs.



Artist's Rendering of MURR West

## NextGen MURR

Why a New Reactor?



## **NextGen MURR**

Why a New Reactor?

- MURR is currently the sole United States supplier of four short-lived medical radioisotopes critical to patient diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and cancer.
- MURR not only supplies the United States, but often serves as the sole supplier of certain isotopes in the world when other reactors shut down.
- MURR has been operating safely and reliably for over 55 years but its remaining functional lifetime is limited. If MURR stopped operating, patients would not get treatments.
- A new 20 MW research reactor will allow MU to continue to provide life saving radioisotopes and greatly expand our production capacity, including isotopes MURR is not currently able to produce.

### **NextGen MURR RFQ/RFP Overview**

- On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the university issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to qualify and contract with a single project team capable of providing design, licensing, environmental and development services for a nuclear reactor and facility.
- On June 9<sup>th,</sup> RFQ responses were received from five (5) project teams.



### **NextGen MURR RFQ/RFP Next Steps**

- RFQ Project teams that meet the university's requirements related to qualifications, relevant experience, conceptual work plan, management framework and financial capacity will be invited to participate in step-two of the process.
- RFP In step two, the University will evaluate and compare specific proposals, preliminary reactor designs, and financial structures proposed by the respondents selected in step-one of the process.



### NextGen MURR RFQ/RFP Project Schedule

- RFQ Shortlist Deadline
- RFQ Interviews
- RFQ Finalist Selection
- RFP Issued
- Project Team Selected\*
- RFP Finalist Selection

July 17-21, 2023 Aug. 8, 2023 Aug. 11, 2023 Oct. 24, 2023 Spring 2024

July 7, 2023

\*Current MURR management will continue to focus on operations at the original MURR facility and a separate Project Team will oversee the NextGen MURR project.



