Off-Hour Usage of the DNI Scanner

Researchers are strongly encouraged to use the MRI scanner at the DNI during regular hours (9:30 AM - 5 PM, Monday-Friday, excluding university holidays). However, when necessary, the scanner may be used after-hours. The regulations for such use are as follows:

1. The researcher in charge of conducting the after-hours scan must be a Level-II MRO certified person.
2. There must be 2 other persons available during the scanning.
3. The scheduling of off-hour scans can only take place after being cleared with Dr. JC Zhuang.
4. All policies about procedures during working-hours have to be respected during the after-hour scanning.
5. Fees for after-hour scanning are the same as those in place for scanning during working hours: $550.00 per hour, for USC affiliated researchers, of occupancy of the MR suite.
6. If a research group does not have anyone with a Level-II MRO certification but needs to scan after-hours, the Center’s MR Technical Assistant, Ms. Yi Liu, may be available to help with scanner operation during off-hours. Ms. Liu needs to be contacted about his availability after the permission to scan has been cleared with Dr. Zhuang. In such case, the fee for the scan will be $600 per hour, for USC affiliated researchers, so as to include compensation for Ms. Liu’s overtime.

The Center is not staffed during off-hours. Investigators must assume full responsibility during off-hour operation, including preparedness for emergency response and the strictly adherence to all safety regulations.