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1 [ The degree to which politics has shaped the national debate in focusing in on Yucca Mt. from the beginning in the mid-1980s has been a shameful example of political manipulation of a choice that should have been based solely on scientific criteria.

The debacle over the dispute between USEPA and DOE over the appropriate time frame in which to frame the impact analysis only emphasized this issue. That a Federal Court ruling was required to extend the window to 100,000 years shows plainly the intrusion of politics into a fair scientific evaluation of the true risks of radionuclide migration offsite. ]

2 [ Finally, until full-scale testing of high-level waste shipping casks to realistic accident conditions (e.g. the temperatures reached in the recent Baltimore Rail Tunnel Fire) is carried out, it would be the height of irresponsibility to approve the rail shipment corridor through Nevada (or any other state) for high-level radioactive waste. ]

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