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1 A means of operating the repository at a lower temperature could be found following the immediate cessation of the generation of spent nuclear fuel at commercial sites. This moratorium reduces the quantity and then allows the aging of this reduced quantity now awaiting repository operation. The aging of this spent nuclear fuel already generated is correlated with a decreasing amount of heat generated. Of course, no heat at all is generated from spent nuclear fuel not generated. An ounce of prevention is worth the metric tons of heavy metal (MTHM) not yet generated. Fuel blending then limits heat output from the waste package by intermixing spent nuclear fuel never generated with the regrettable waste generated.

2... It is good to give future decisionmakers the option to maintain the repository in an open, monitored condition or to close it since the unceasing generation of spent nuclear fuel is making ever more urgent the repository even while adding to

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2 cont, 3 the cost of operation and closing. Closed, though, is the option of future generations to close today's commercial generators of spent nuclear fuel. Future generations have no option but to give us a blank check to spend on nuclear fuel. And we are spending as if there were no future.

Sincerely,

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