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Lessons Learned from the U.S. National Strategy - a Personal Perspective

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Thirty years of watching attempts at implementation of a U.S. national strategy for high level waste management embodied in the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and its Amendments (of 1982 and 1987) from many vantage points have led to strong personal views on what has gone wrong with U.S. strategies. Instead of a repository open in 1998, the U.S. is still probably at least two decades away from opening a repository. My vantage points include management of the Los Alamos National Laboratory research programs for Yucca Mountain, years on the staff of the U.S. Senate, Commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Assistant Secretary responsible for implementation of these strategies. In the talk, the stark differences between the path followed so far by the U.S. and the path recommended by the U.S. President's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future will be discussed.

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