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The thermal limit for emplacement of spent fuel at the Yucca Mountain repository is the most important parameter when considering aboveground aging demands at the facility. Transportation heat limit is also important, but less so if the capacity of the repository is expanded or if older fuel is shipped first.

Shielded Payload Containers for WIPP Remote-Handled Waste
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