

A Missed Warning Signal

The sport of professional cycling totally missed one of the early warning signs about its emerging “EPO era” crisis – one which came 25 years ago near France’s largest artificial reservoir, Lac de Vassiviere, the picturesque backdrop for the 1995 Tour de France’s final time trial. The reputation of the sport might not have been damaged as much if the red flag raised there had been recognized for what it was. Indeed, it might have led to more focused scientific and analytical methods to help build a cleaner sport.

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