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In regard to the EE/CA Report for the 105-B Reactor, I prefer alternative #3 (hazard mitigation for public access).

The reasons for this are as follows:

1. For historical purposes because B Reactor produced the first plutonium for the bomb that ended WW II and finally brought "Peace" to the world in August 1945.

2. It also produced "tritium" for the first "H" bomb which would cause Russia to think twice about forcing communism on other countries beyond the Berlin wall and possibly causing World War III

3. I worked at B Reactor and would like to see it preserved so that future generations can actually see and touch some of the historical equipment that

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produced the plutonium.

4. Nuclear weapons utterly changed the course of international politics and B Reactor played a leading role in it.

5. A preserved B Reactor could serve as the cornerstone for the interpretation of Hanford's atomic history, and a museum would return valuable cultural and economic benefits to the region.

6. We owe it to the local early settlers and their children who were uprooted from their homes with only 30 days notice and given a paltry sum of money which at best was only half what they needed to buy something even close to what they had before.

7. We need to recognize that if the Smithsonian Institute thought it was important enough (~1992) to try and get the B Reactor console moved to the Smithsonian, (they were successful in getting the 105-D Reactor console) then it is important enough for us to display it here, and now.

Thank you, Robert L. Smith

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