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Mr. Dennis Faulk
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Dear Mr. Faulk,

We would like to add our voices to the many others supporting preferred alternative 3, Hazard Mitigation for Public Access in the *Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for the 105-B Reactor Facility* (DOE/RL-2001-09, Rev. 0). This alternative will allow public access to existing tour areas and additional areas of the historic facility.

For almost two decades, World Citizens for Peace has been a voice in the Hanford/Tri-Cities community promoting nuclear disarmament. Our educational efforts have focused on the need to abolish nuclear weapons because their disastrous effects pose an unparalleled threat to human life on earth. More than a decade after the end of the Cold War, tens of thousands of nuclear weapons continue that threat.

Sadly, we have not yet learned the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Else we would not continue to cling to our nuclear arsenals.

To fully understand the nuclear weapons dilemma we face today, we have to understand how we arrived at where we are. And so, it is important that we preserve the history of the nuclear weapons era back to the Manhattan Project – especially in the hope that we may yet learn from that history and spare the world's children and grandchildren from our repeating it.

B Reactor was an intimate part of that world-shattering history. B Reactor's historic significance, already recognized by placement on the National Register of Historic Places, demands its preservation.

Preferred alternative 3 in the EE/CA document will provide the hazard mitigation and maintenance necessary to assure the preservation of this world-class historic facility for future generations.

Peace and love,


Jim Stoffels
Co-founder and Chairman

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