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Dear ~~Mr.~~ Faulk: *Dennis*

I submit my personal comments on the Proposed Cleanup Plan for Hanford's B Reactor as described in the Engineering Evaluation/ Cost Analysis for the 105-B Reactor Facility. I strongly support Alternative 3, Hazard Mitigation for Public Access.

This Preferred Alternative is my choice because it maintains the facility in a safe condition for increased public access during at least a ten year period while efforts will be underway to make the reactor a museum. Neither the No Action nor the Surveillance and Maintenance alternatives will meet this primary need.

I admit to a strong prejudice for desiring to see B Reactor become a museum. I was one of the thousands of Armed Services people who did not have to shoot their way into the home islands of Japan in 1945. The incredible effort to design and build this technological marvel in only 18 months from start of construction to supplying irradiated fuel for plutonium separation has long been one of my ideals of how to get a tough job done. In addition, I had occasion during my Hanford employment to provide engineering support to all the production reactors including 105-B.

I urge the EPA to document the cleanup plan for 105-B in the Action Memorandum using the Hazard Mitigation Alternative.

Sincerely,

Gordon Rogers