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Subject: Hanford's B Reactor

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Mr. Dennis Faulk
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Dear Mr. Faulk:

This is a letter to ask for Environmental Protection Agency support for Alternative #3 of Hanford's B Reactor Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA). This will allow the building to be used by the public.

I feel that it is very desirable and necessary for a preserved B Reactor to serve as the cornerstone for the interpretation of America's atomic history. It was the first full-scale production reactor that supplied the Plutonium for the Trinity test and for the first Plutonium based weapon used over Nagasaki. B Reactor buildings should be made safe so as to remain standing and be allowed as a museum for public use.

I am 71 years old and vividly remember World War II and our need to profoundly defeat our enemies to the west and east of us. The Hanford Works were a significant part of our total war efforts. In preparation for a talk on the development of the Atomic Bomb before an Elderhostel group, I visited the DOE office and library in Richland, WA. They were very helpful and showed me impressive photos of the various buildings, but I was not able to visit the B Reactor. I was hoping to see the Reactor because of its significant size and design. I strongly feel that it should be preserved for future generations to see and study so that this particular episode of history will not be lost.

Again, I ask for EPA support for alternative #3 to preserve Hanford's B Reactor for public use.

Very truly yours,

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