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Dear Mr. Faulk:

Subject: **Proposed Cleanup Plan for Hanford's B Reactor Facility**

I support the recommended interim action Alternative Three as described in DOE/RL-2001-09. I think the B Reactor should become a museum accessible to the public from a road starting near Vernita Bridge off of State Highway 24.

In addition, I have the following suggestions:

- The current escorted tours should continue and be offered more frequently. In addition, the toilets should be added as Current Public Access.
- As more cleanup funding becomes available, the current tour route should be expanded. This might include (in any order) rooms 228b Electrical Equipment Storage, 228c Electrical Equipment, 228d Change, 229a Northeast Instrument, 229b Storage, 225a Office, and 224 Instrument Repair Shop.
- Another expansion could be a paved path, for handicap accessibility, that circles the perimeter of the B Reactor and Fuel Storage Basin.
- Several areas could be made available to the public by installing viewing windows. This would allow the public to see into the Fuel Storage Basin and room 413 Transfer Bay.
- The current tour route might be expanded to include the 210a Lunch Room and the series of rooms north of the currently available Corridor 3.
- Access for a view into the front face of the reactor from the south into the 113a West Reactor Experimental Area could be by a rigid plastic tunnel part way into the room. This would surely be interesting to those who have only heard about nuclear reactors but never have seen one.
- Perhaps it might be best to clean up or seal in contamination and hazardous materials in other areas of the facility and keep them under a surveillance and maintenance program so that they cannot transfer to areas open for public access.

Sincerely,

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