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RE: **PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR HANFORD'S B REACTOR FACILITY**

Dear Mr. Faulk:

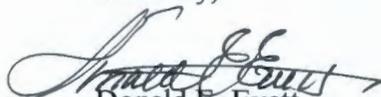
The purpose of this letter is to comment on the proposal for cleanup of the B reactor facility as defined in the brief in your recent Tri-Party Agreement bulletin.

The Hazard Mitigation for Public Access seems plausible and feasible; however, are there enough public tours and special interest groups that visit the site annual to warrant the \$3 million expenditure to accomplish the necessary goals to ensure a safe public access. I realize that it is a significant historical facility, but how many people take the time and expense to visit Richland, Washington to visit the B Reactor Facility?

I am assuming by the brief that this proposal would make accessibility to the reactor more easily for the public and without any restrictions during the ten year period as specified. The decontaminating, removing, or encapsulating hazardous substances located in publicly accessible areas means removal of the fence and removing any contaminated soil in and around the facility.

Unless the facility were to be used for public view on a favorable basis over the next ten years, I would not favor the **Hazard Mitigation for Public Access** proposal, but rather the **No Action Alternative**.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Evett