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**Subject:** Request for Reconsideration of your Resolution MCPB No. 17-019- RCGG  
Jesus House, 120160040

Honorable Planning Board Chairman Anderson:

This is my formal request for reconsideration of your approving resolution in the matter of Jesus House (JH) referenced above.

My request is based on Montgomery County's untested, unaddressed assumptions as to the hydrology of the land on which JH intends to develop. Per Montgomery Code Chapter 19, 19.00.01.03 (A) (4,) Hydrology, it states:

"This Section presumes that pre-development conditions are woodland or meadow in good hydrologic condition for the planning and placement of storm water management studies."

After my testimony at the March 30 Planning Board hearing about clean water concerns, I was made aware of the toxic plume in the groundwater from leakage of gasoline tanks from the former Shell gas station (now Citgo) across New Hampshire Ave from Bryant's Nursery stream and near the JH land.

Maryland Department of the Environment's Oil Control Program (Case # 03-0695MO7, Jim Richmond Case Manager 410 537-3337) is managing and monitoring ongoing remediation efforts in conjunction with Sovereign Solutions Consulting Inc. (Project Manager and Environmental Scientist is Natalie Percello). This environmental damage to the groundwater is still present over 15 years after discovery. I visited the filtration facility on Bryant's Nursery Rd. which is currently filtering water for 7 wells with no complete clean-up timeframe in sight.

In speaking with Ms.Percello, she was very concerned that my call was the first she knew of the JH planned development. She needs to know how deep excavation will be for the parking lot and any changes in groundwater flow, etc. I provided her with RAZTEC engineering drawings.

I believe that per of Montgomery County Code, the Planning Board must comply with Chapter 19 prior to any approval. It is certainly necessary to publically hear the expert testimony of the environmental scientist and MDE remediation expert prior to any approval for development in a documented ongoing environmentally damaged area with potential to exacerbate the presence and movement of toxic gasoline plumes.

Please respond and advise me of what action the Planning Board will take to ensure safe development and protection of our water; ergo our very health.

In conclusion, toxicity of gasoline additives such as the now banned MTBE risks health. I believe managing this risk is much bigger than simply "garden variety" stormwater management.

I need to hear and consider the expert testimony. Please perform due diligence.

Sincerely

Kathleen Hastings