

October 24, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jane Rohde  
JSR Associates  
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FROM: Mark Rifkin, R.S.  
Water & Sewerage Program  
Bureau of Environmental Health

RE: 3130 Edgewood Road  
The Oaks, Lots 18/19  
Owner -- Alonzo

This is to advise that the Howard County Health Department recommends issuance of the requested demolition permit for the referenced property.

According to tax records, the existing house was built in 1959, and connection to public utilities was applied for in 1966 and 1967. It is therefore expected that the house was originally served by a private well at the time of construction. No records were located in Health Department files.

You have advised that a search will be conducted for the well during the early stages of the demolition process. The wellhead, expected to be a six-inch steel casing buried below grade, is likely to be found within ten feet of the existing foundation on the high side of the property. It is recommended that a backhoe excavate a trench immediately (one to three feet) outside the foundation wall. It may also be useful to investigate the interior of the house for disconnected water lines and/or to use a metal detector to locate the well.

Once the well is located, the cap and any remaining plumbing should be removed in order that the well can be properly abandoned (filled with concrete) by a licensed well driller. The driller should then submit appropriate documentation to this office.

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