

Several explosions at cannabis processing plants can be found on the internet, and the photos depict the extensive destruction to surrounding buildings. A profound example of a disaster waiting to happen can be found near Salem on top of Chehalem mountain, where WAG Holdings, LLC, has a huge cannabis processing plant at 18505 NE Jaquith Road. Huge storage tanks of volatile chemicals are just a short distance from a next door residence. Nearby are two very expensive view homes that would also be damaged if the chemicals were to explode. In fact, an aerial view of the area shows numerous homes in the area that would be impacted in one fashion or another should detonation of the chemicals occur.

Installation of this cannabis processing plant was approved by Yamhill County, despite the fact that nearly 200 neighboring residents objected and pointed out the extremely hazardous conditions that exist. When various county and state agencies were contacted by mountain top residents about the hazard, the agencies took the position that it was someone else's job to keep the area safe. A secondary hazard exists because the entire processing and manufacturing campus is located adjacent to, or partially in, a heavily wooded area that could burn out of control and extend well into Yamhill county. There is no water on site for fighting such a conflagration as the only water available comes from residential wells.

If future processing plants were placed in industrial areas, municipal water mains and hydrants would be available. Fire departments would be minutes away, inspection of the sites by authorized agencies to ensure state safety requirements could be enforced. At present, no county or state agency is willing to inspect the huge cannabis operation on Chehalem mountain. Please don't be misled into thinking this is just a small one or two building operation. An aerial view shows at least 6 large processing buildings.

We can't do anything about 18505 NE Jaquith Road, but you can prevent a violent explosion from occurring in a residential area where it would put many citizens at grave risk of injury or death.