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Raymark Building Demolition Continues

Demolition of building #6 ended on Oct. 5. A large shed behind it was also demolished. On Mon. (10/16) demolition will begin on building #39, a condemned building. A trained contractor will also begin to remove asbestos from inside building #1. One 14-person crew continues to work a 10-hour shift, 7 am to 5:30 pm. Building debris will also begin to be taken off-site the week of Oct. 16. Demolition is expected to continue until February 1996.

Air Testing Results

Air testing continues at 8 fixed and 4 mobile property boundary stations. In addition, 6 workers wear personal air testing devices. From Thurs., Sept. 28 to Tues., Oct. 10, **185** asbestos air samples were taken. The health agencies have reviewed all results (including lead, PCBs, volatile organic compounds, dust and other contaminants) and determined that all were well-below levels that are a concern for people's health. In **158** of these samples no contaminants were found.

On 5 days during the period from 9/28 to 10/10, **27 (14%)** of the asbestos samples had technical problems resulting in data that was unusable. During these times, the results from personal testing devices (located closer to the demolition) were reviewed and no asbestos was found at levels that cause concern. To maximize the sensitivity of the testing, the sampling equipment was pulling in large amounts of air. Given the urban setting of the area, some of the asbestos sampling equipment was overloaded with non-asbestos material, rendering them unusable.

As a result of these technical problems, the amount of air pulled in by the samplers was adjusted. Since the flow levels were adjusted, the samples have been usable and are below levels that cause concern. Despite these problems, results to-date indicate that dust-control efforts are effective. A complete set of the available sampling results can be found in the library.

Solvent Removal Continues

550 gallons of a solvent-water mix have been pumped out of the ground under the western part of Raymark. The solvent is temporarily stored in a tank before it will be taken off-site for disposal.

Status of Budget for Cleanup

Currently EPA is operating on a continuation of last year's budget. $44 million is still needed for demolition, solvent removal, and cap construction. Funding for the cleanup of the Raymark Property will continue to be unknown until a new budget is passed. If continued funding is not available by late November, the site would be safely shutdown until work can continue.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem?

EPA is working closely with the Stratford Health Department. To receive these bulletins give us your name and address. In addition questions or problems should be brought to our attention - Health Department 385-4090, or EPA Hotline 380-6034.

# RAYMARK INDUSTRIES INC.

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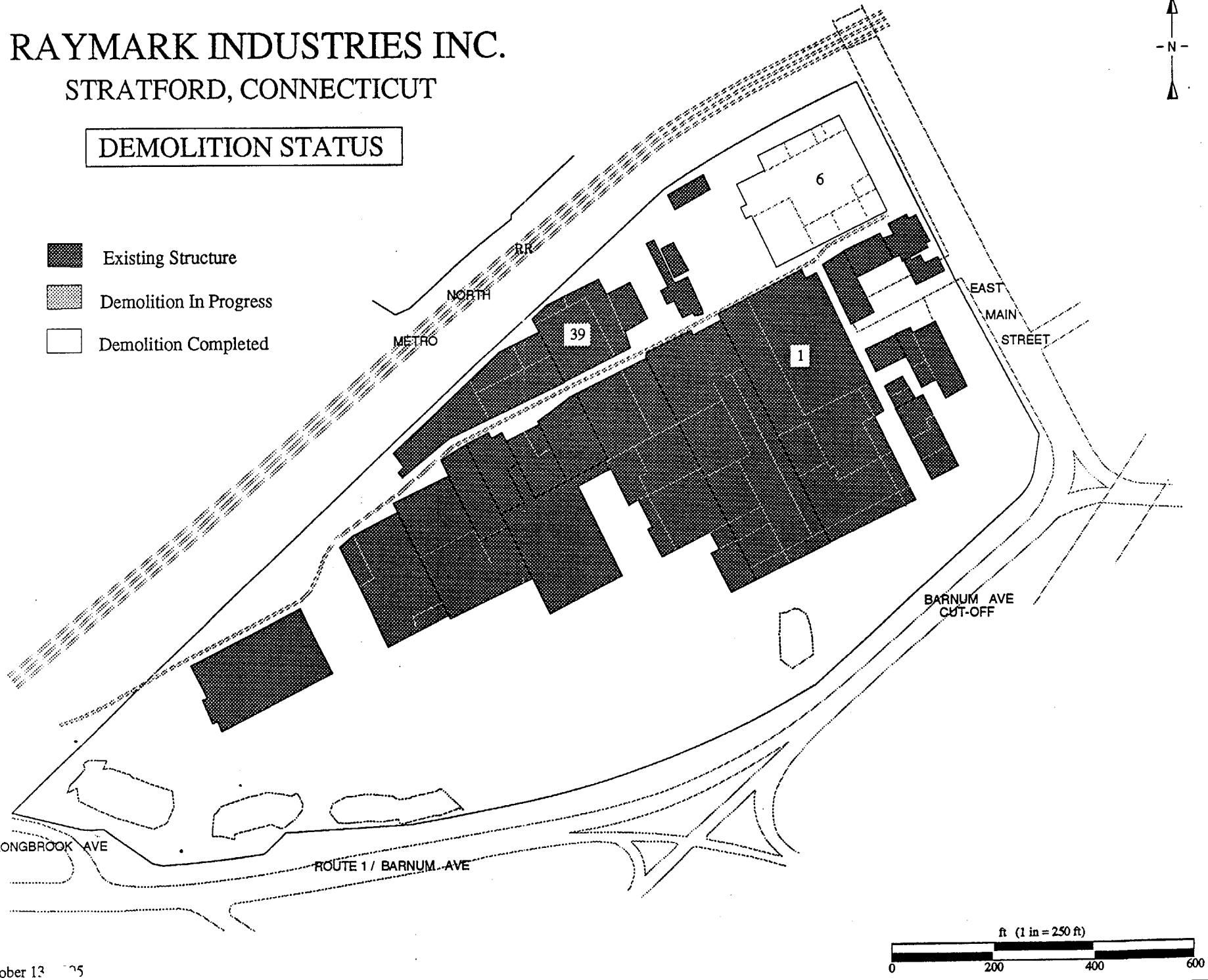
### DEMOLITION STATUS

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