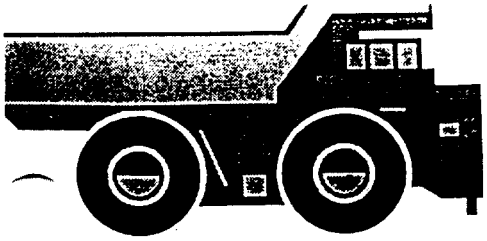

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Raymark Building Demolition Continues

Demolition continues on the southern half of buildings #1, 2 and 3 as well as on building #4. More than 6,000 out of the 8,100 "Supersacs" have been removed from several buildings to allow for demolition. In addition, approximately 4,000 cubic yards of loose soil is being removed from the buildings. As of Wednesday, January 24, approximately 1,215 tons of steel and 110 truck loads of roofing debris, consisting mainly of wood, were taken off-site. In addition, 6 roll-offs containing asbestos abatement materials, 19 above-ground storage tanks, and 10,300 gallons of fuel oil and solvent have been removed from the property.

Air Testing Results

From December 23, to date air testing at the site boundary revealed no contaminants at unsafe levels. On January 16, one air monitoring station along East Main Street slightly exceeded the action level for dust. Wind direction on that day suggests that the source was not from the Raymark site, but from the east-northeast. This first exceedance of an action level in over 2 months was reviewed by the health agencies and determined not to pose a risk to the community. The health agencies continue to evaluate and review all air monitoring results which are available at the town library.

Solvent Removal

To allow demolition to continue and due to the recent bad weather, solvent removal from the groundwater was completely stopped on December 22. To date, more than 6,500 gallons of a solvent-water mix were pumped out of the ground. In addition, all groundwater monitoring wells are currently being taken out of service. Sampling data previously gathered from all these wells will allow EPA to design a more efficient long-term system to remove solvent contamination and monitor groundwater conditions.

Status of Budget for Cleanup

Currently, EPA is working under its third temporary budget, a Continuing Resolution (CR), which expires on Friday, January 26. Budget constraints have prevented EPA from adding crews and increasing work hours to speed the demolition as originally planned. EPA is, however, making every effort to work with the current developer to redevelop this property. Already three months behind the original demolition schedule, further delays may jeopardize redevelopment of the property by this developer.

This week an additional $4 million was received which will allow demolition to continue well into March, while $1.5 million is still being saved in the event that a safe, temporary shutdown is necessary. This brings the current funding to $23 million which is still $37 million short of the total funding needed to complete cleanup of the property. The availability of full funding continues to be unknown until EPA's 1996 budget is passed by Congress and signed by the President.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem?

To receive these bulletins, please give us your name and address. Questions/problems should be brought to our attention through the Town Health Department (385-4090) or EPA's Hotline (380-6034).

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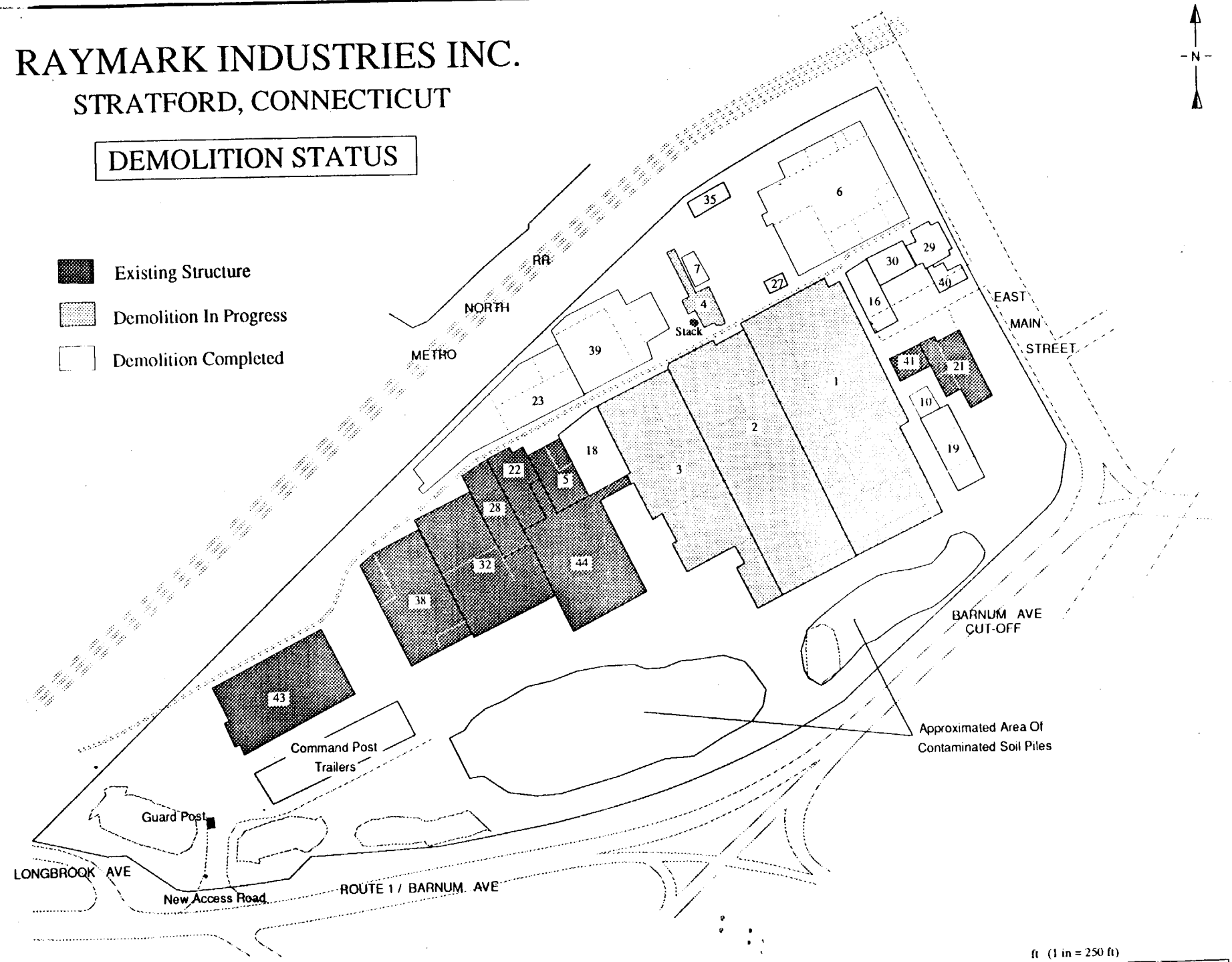
## DEMOLITION STATUS

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