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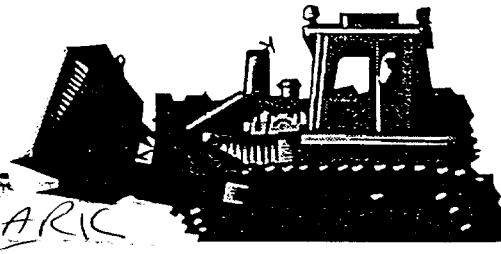

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Raymark Building Demolition Continues

Over 80% of the buildings have been razed to date. Demolition is underway on buildings 5, 22, 28, and 44. All of the "Supersacs" have been removed from the buildings and placed outside. In addition, all of the loose soil stored in the buildings has been moved outside. As of February 20, approximately 2,423 tons of steel, 241 truck loads of roofing debris, consisting mainly of wood, and 6 truck loads of asbestos contaminated material have been taken off-site. Presently, in the northeast and southeast corners of the property, the ground is being prepared to temporarily pile soil to improve the stability of the underlying soils.

Smokestack Implosion

In the beginning of March EPA plans to implode the 150 foot high smokestack on-site. Explosive charges will cause the smokestack to collapse in on itself and fall to the ground in 3 to 5 seconds. Shortly, details will be made available to the local media on the exact day and time of the planned event.

Air Testing Results

From January 27, to date air testing at the site boundary revealed no contaminants at unsafe levels. The health agencies continue to evaluate and review all air monitoring results which are available at the town library.

Status of Budget for Cleanup

Currently, EPA is working under its fourth temporary budget, a Continuing Resolution (CR), which expires on Friday, March 15. 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 available money will be sufficient to allow work to continue through March. As indicated in previous bulletins, $1.5 million is being saved in the event that a safe, temporary shutdown is necessary.

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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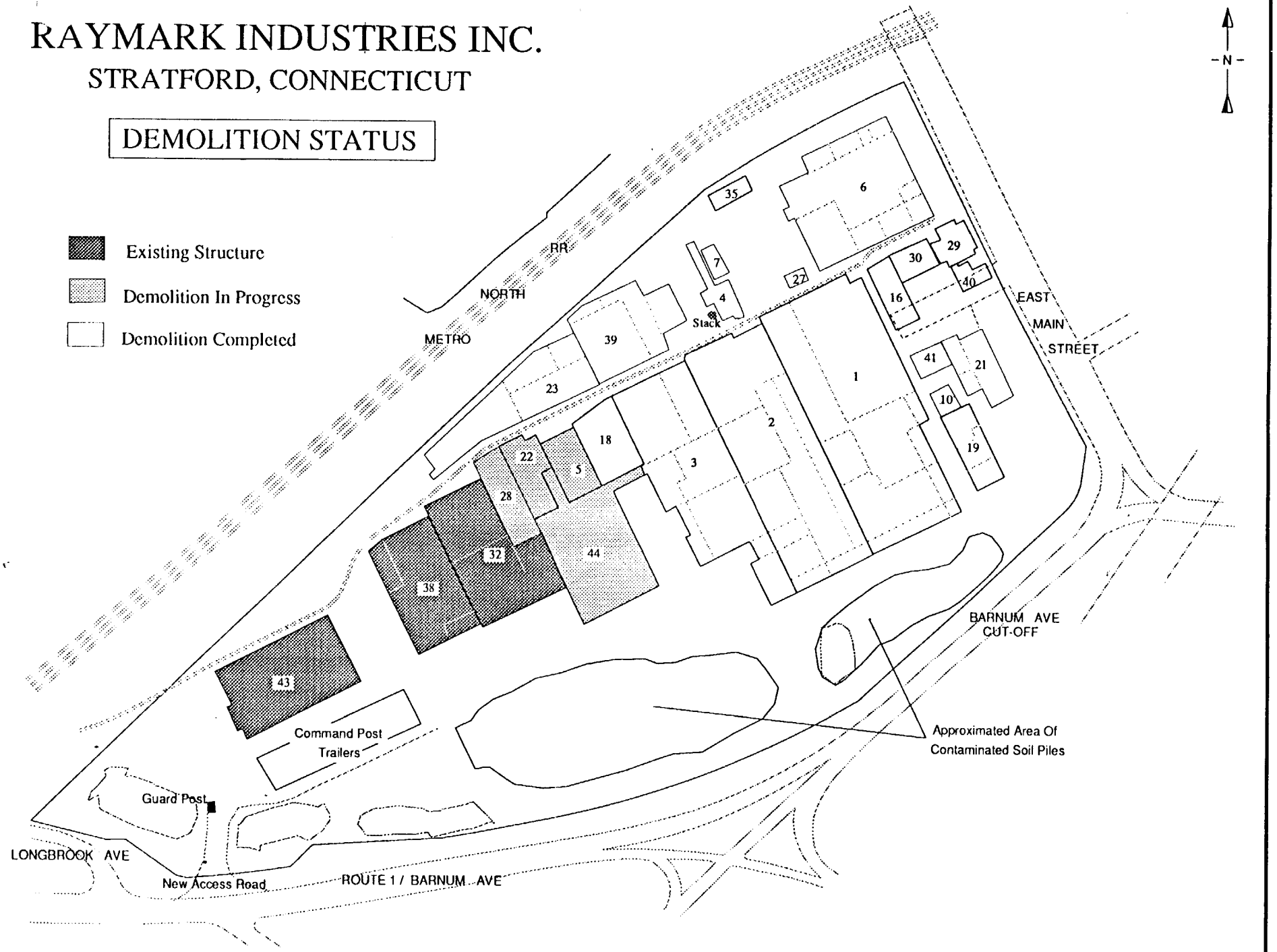

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