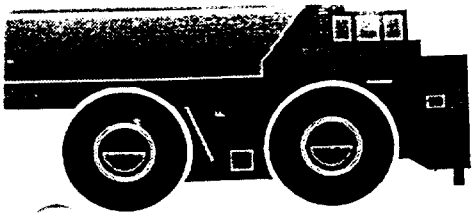

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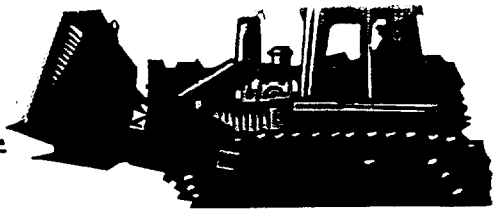

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Raymark Building Demolition Continues: Presently, all buildings (except for one being used to store equipment) have been physically knocked down. Substantial demolition-related activities, however, remain to be done including breaking-up the concrete building foundations, and sorting debris and steel to be taken off-site. As of March 15th, approximately 3,385 tons of steel, 475 truck loads of roofing debris, consisting mainly of wood, and 6 truck loads of asbestos contaminated material have been taken off-site.

Work is also being done in the northeast and southeast corners of the property. In the northeast corner, approximately 250-300 trucks per day are delivering clean soil. In total, 60,000 cubic yards of clean soil is being delivered to improve the stability of the underlying soil. In the southeast corner, portions of the Wooster School soil pile are being moved to allow for "wick" drains to be installed. These drains convey water out from the underlying soil to improve its stability.

Smokestack Implosion: On Saturday, March 2nd the 110 foot high smokestack was imploded at 8:46 am. The 12.5 pounds of explosives used were detonated at the base of the stack, causing it to collapse to the ground, precisely as planned. Water and foam were sprayed on the ground to prevent dust from being generated when the stack fell. Representative Rosa DeLauro, Stratford officials, EPA staff, members of the Stratford Citizen's Advisory Council, and many other on-lookers witnessed the event despite the snow and cold.

Air Testing Results: From February 24th thru March 10th, 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.

Other Nearby Work: EPA contractors have begun to install several groundwater monitoring wells just south of the Raymark property. This work is expected to last through the end of March.

Status of Budget for Cleanup: Currently, EPA is working under its fifth temporary budget, a Continuing Resolution (CR), which expires on Friday, March 22. Current funding received to date totals $27 million which is still approximately $33 million short of the total funding needed to complete the project. While we remain committed to finishing the job we started, the availability of full funding for the project continues to be an unknown until EPA's 1996 budget is passed by Congress and is signed by the President.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem? 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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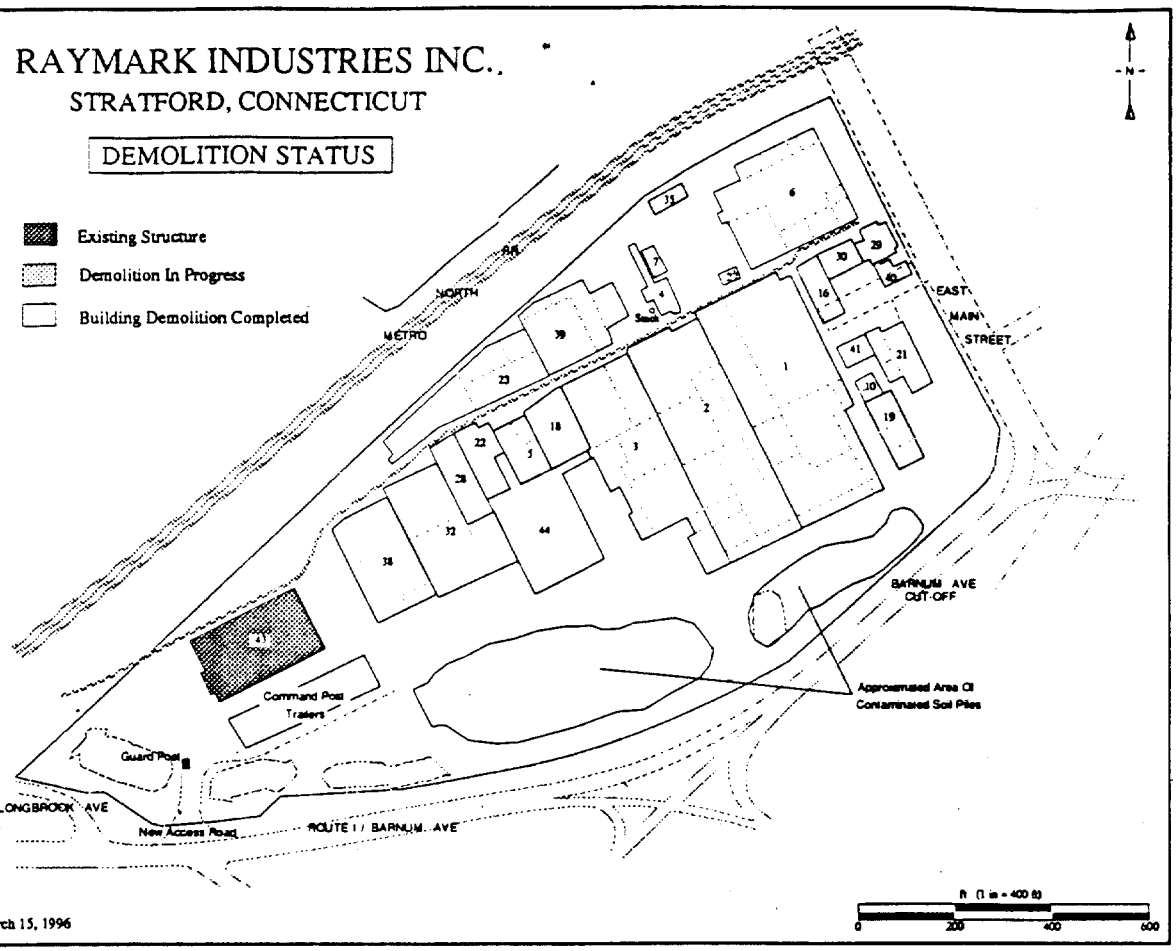
DEMOLITION STATUS

- Existing Structure
- Demolition In Progress
- Building Demolition Completed



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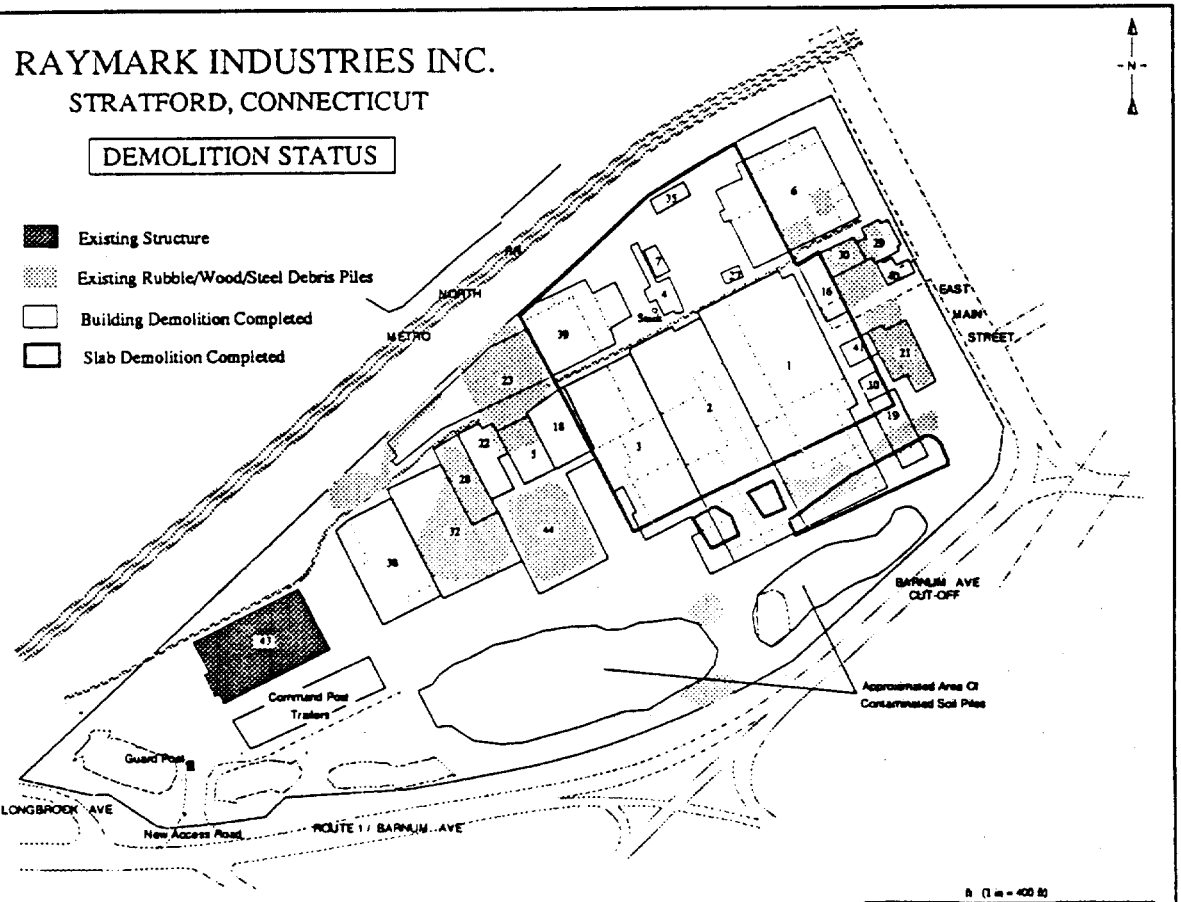
DEMOLITION STATUS

- Existing Structure
- Existing Rubble/Wood/Steel Debris Piles
- Building Demolition Completed
- Slab Demolition Completed



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