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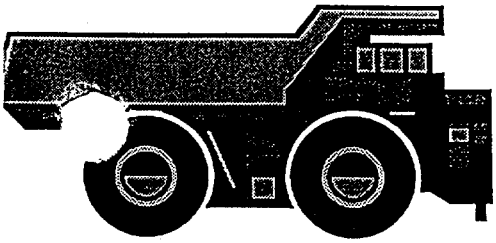

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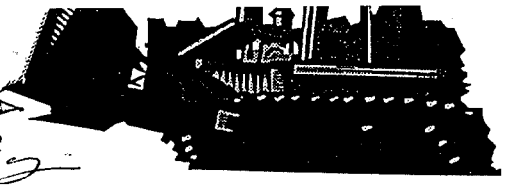

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Raymark Building Demolition Continues: Presently, all buildings (except part of Building #43) have been knocked down and all concrete building slabs have been removed. Substantial quantities of building debris still remain to be sorted. As of May 6th, approximately 4,134 tons of steel, 636 truck loads of roofing debris (mostly wood), and 6 truck loads of asbestos contaminated material have been taken off-site.

Work is also complete in the northeast corner of the property where approximately 54,000 cubic yards of clean soil has been stockpiled. This pile will remain in its current location for about the next 2 months. In the southeast corner, more than 9,000 "wick drains" were installed. About 79,000 cubic yards of soil, a combination of clean soil and the Wooster School pile, have been stockpiled and will remain in-place for about the next 3 months. These stockpiles will compact and stabilize the underlying soil.

On April 15th, EPA began "dynamic compaction" on the property. This compacts and stabilizes the soil to increase its ability to support greater loads, including the protective "cap" which will be placed on the property in the near future. Two large cranes are currently dropping 15-ton weights from 10 to 60 feet above the ›und. This work is done only during daytime work shifts; 7:00 am to 5:30 pm. Daily seismic monitoring of ıne vibrations created by the compaction on the property indicate that the disturbances are minimal and not strong enough to cause damage to nearby structures.

Air Testing Results: From April 3rd to May 6th, the continuous air sampling results for total suspended particulates (TSP), or dust, revealed that the action level was periodically exceeded. Sampling during the same times for lead, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) found no detectable levels of these contaminants. Although these levels of dust can aggravate existing respiratory conditions such as asthma in some people, these conditions are typical of most heavy construction projects. The levels of dust have continued to decrease since the last update was mailed. We continue to adjust our techniques to minimize dust generation and tracking of soil off the Raymark property.

The health agencies continue to evaluate and review all air monitoring results which are also available at the town library. Additional sampling for lead and PCBs is also being done when contaminated soil is moved to ensure that the measures noted above are helping to better control the dust.

Status of Budget for Cleanup: On April 22nd Representative DeLauro and Senator Lieberman were on-site to announce that an additional $12 million was being made available to complete demolition work and begin capping at Raymark. Current funding received to date now totals $39 million which will allow the project to operate into mid-June. This funding will allow EPA to purchase some of the components needed to construct the cap. However, it is estimated that $28 million is still needed to complete the project. Leach Family ›ldings, the future developer of the property, announced that Shaw's Supermarkets is committed to opening a ›tore at the future shopping center. On April 26th Congress and the President approved EPA's 1996 Budget.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem? Questions or problems should be brought to our attention through the Town Health Department at 385-4090.

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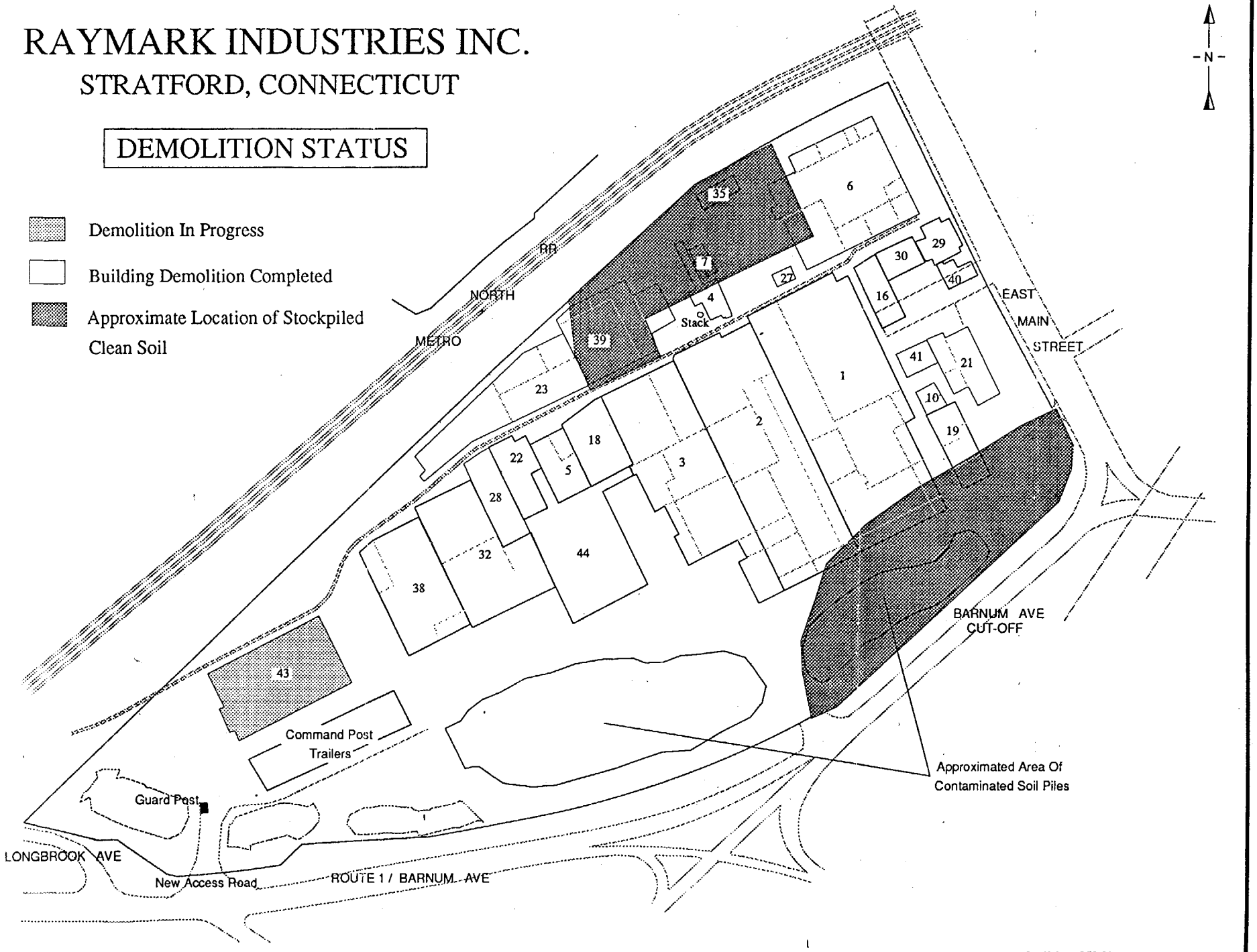

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