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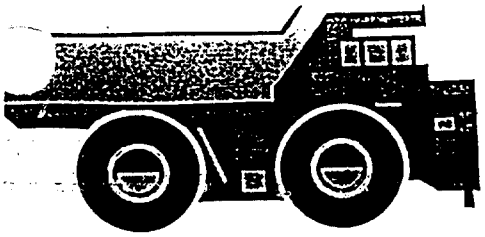

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On Thursday, August 8th, EPA expects to begin another important phase of work at the Raymark property. This work, to be conducted in two parts, will initially involve driving up to fifteen 60 foot long, steel support footings called "piles" into the ground using a pile driving rig with a 75 foot tall boom.

Working on the northeastern side of the property, these 15 piles will be driven into the ground over a two-day period and then load tested. The load test will take about two weeks to complete and will involve applying increasing amounts of weight (from 0-300 tons) to the installed piles. The purpose of the load test is to verify that the piles will withstand the anticipated future building loads being proposed by Leach Family Holdings, Inc. in this area of the property.

After completion of the load test, EPA expects pile driving work to resume on or about September 14th and end in early October. Upon completion of this work, approximately 300 piles will have been driven into the ground in an area that measures less than 5% of the total area that is expected to be available for future redevelopment on the property.

Because the pile driving work is expected to be noisy, we expect to drive the piles only during the daytime shift (7:00 am to 5:30 pm), Monday through Saturday. At a minimum, noise and seismic vibration monitors will be used during the two days of pile driving work on August 8th and 9th.

Questions or problems should be brought to our attention through the Town Health Department at 385-4090.