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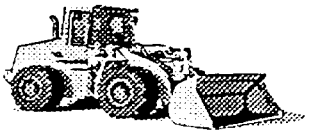

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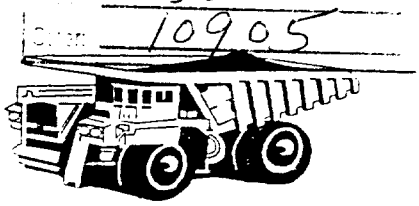

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Status and Schedule of Construction

A full schedule of EPA construction activities resumed on April 15. It is anticipated that the multi-layered cap on the Raymark property will be finished in the early fall. There are a total of 125 workers on two ten hour shifts laboring six days a week. Sunday work shifts are not currently scheduled but may be utilized as necessary to meet construction goals later in the season.

To date approximately 13 out of 37 acres of liner materials which make up the cap have been installed. As the liner materials are placed on the ground, various kinds of fill ranging in thickness from 3 to 5 feet will cover the synthetic liners. Approximately 35,000 more truck loads of fill material still need to be brought to the site between now and the middle of September. An average of 100 dump trucks per day will bring the fill to the site. During the week of June 9, the average number of trucks will be higher at approximately 168 trucks per day.

Construction of the exterior of the two treatment buildings that will house the gas collection and solvent storage equipment is nearly complete. The buildings are located in the northeast and northwest corners of the property -- near East Main Street and Long Brook Avenue respectively. Equipment for the inside of the buildings will be installed and tested over the summer so that the treatment buildings will be operating by this fall.

Utility poles along Barnum Ave. have been moved from the northern side of the road to the southern side with the cooperation of United Illuminating Company and Cable Vision.

There is currently a lane restriction on Barnum Avenue to allow the cap to extend to the roadway edge. The construction in this area is expected to last through August.

Groundwater Investigation

In July EPA is slated to begin the installation of monitoring wells and other groundwater sampling devices off-site of the Raymark property to determine the nature and extent of contaminants migrating from the Raymark property. The information collected from this investigation and other studies will be used to determine the groundwater cleanup method, if needed. Most of the monitoring wells and other sampling devices will be installed between the Raymark property and the Housatonic River. EPA anticipates placing these groundwater sampling devices in right of ways with the town of Stratford and the Connecticut Department of Transportation and in shopping centers adjacent to the Raymark property.

Ferry Creek Investigation

EPA will once again be collecting additional samples within Ferry Creek, on commercial properties along Ferry Boulevard and other areas along the Housatonic River, starting in July. The results from the analysis of these samples will allow EPA to evaluate cleanup options for this area. We anticipate presenting the proposed cleanup options for the Ferry Creek area to the public in the spring of 1998.

Questions or problems regarding the Raymark cleanup should be brought to EPA's attention thought the Stratford Health Department at 385-4090.

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