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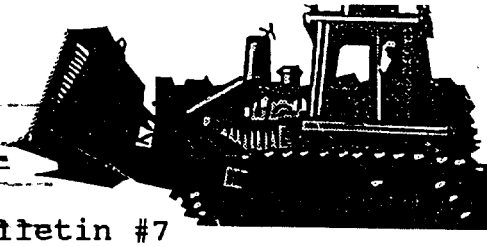

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Raymark Building Demolition Continues

To date, approximately one third of the buildings have been razed. Demolition is underway in buildings # 1, 2 and 3. As of December 18, all asbestos abatement has been completed -- 5 truck loads of asbestos were taken off-site. Building debris continues to be taken off-site for disposal and/or recycling. As of December 13, more than 900 tons of steel and 63 truck loads of roofing debris, consisting mainly of wood, were removed.

"Supersacs," containing waste from residential properties, are still being removed from the buildings and stored outside where they are covered with a heavy-duty black plastic. In addition, the outdoor soil piles are being covered with this same tough plastic to protect them from the weather. The "dome", which was previously used to store contaminated soil, is being dismantled. Work at the site will stop from December 22 through January 1, 1996. 24-hour security will be maintained and the site will be inspected periodically to ensure safety.

Air Testing Results

From November 14 to-date air testing at the site boundary revealed no contaminants or dust at unsafe levels. The health agencies continue to evaluate and review air monitoring results to ensure contaminants are not migrating off-site at levels that are a concern for public health. As work continues, sampling for airborne organic contaminants will only be done during soil excavations. This change is being made because the levels of organic contaminants detected have been very low -- far below levels of concern. Testing for other contaminants will continue until demolition is finished. The air testing results are available at the town library.

Solvent Removal Continues

As of December 19, more than 6,000 gallons of a solvent-water mix have been pumped out of the ground under the western part of Raymark.

Status of Budget for Cleanup

Although most EPA staff have been sent home for a second time because our second short-term budget has expired, Superfund staff are still working and demolition at the site continues. Budget constraints have prevented EPA from adding crews and increasing work hours to speed the demolition as planned. EPA is making every effort to work with the current developer to redevelop this property. Further delays may jeopardize redevelopment of the property by this developer.

$41.1 million is still needed for demolition, solvent removal, and cap construction. Whether full funding for the cleanup of the Raymark property will be available will continue to be unknown until the 1996 budget is passed by Congress and signed by the President. If continued funding is not available by mid-January, the site would be shutdown in early February. $1.5 million is being saved in the event that safe, temporary shutdown of the site is necessary.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem?

EPA is working closely with the Stratford Health Department. To receive these bulletins, please give us your name and address. Questions or problems should be brought to our attention -- Health Department 385-4090, or EPA Hotline 380-6034.

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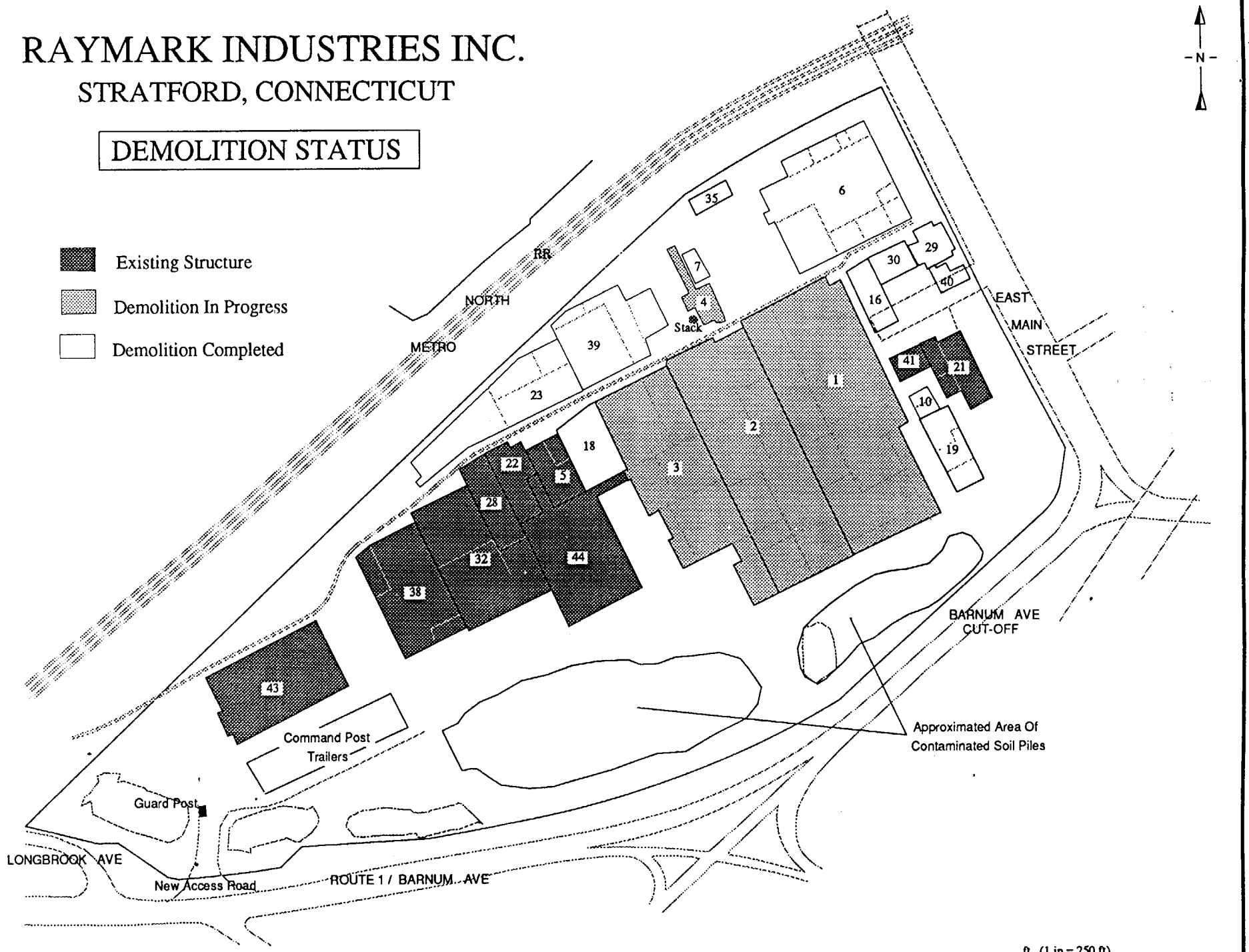

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