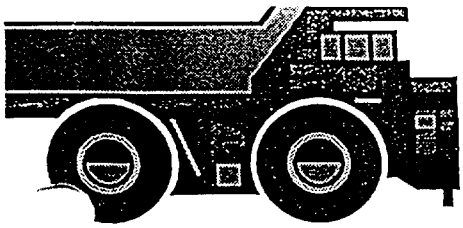

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Raymark Building Demolition Begins

Demolition began on building #6 at 9:00 am Tuesday (9/26). A crane with clamshell bucket, hydraulic shear (to cut metal beams), and hydraulic grappler are used. More equipment may be used as demolition continues. Metal debris is recycled, some asbestos debris is sent to a licensed landfill, and some, as well as bricks and other small debris, will be used to level the property. Bait boxes are set out for rats. Three fire hoses spray clean water on the buildings and debris to control dust.

A 14-person crew is working a 10-hour shift, 7 am to 5:30 pm. Within the next few weeks more crews and a second 10-hour shift will be added. Some buildings were recently condemned by the local building inspector. They are unsafe to enter and clean out before demolition. This week, where crews can work safely inside, they will begin to remove asbestos. Currently, demolition is expected to continue until February 1996.

Air Testing Results

Testing has not found asbestos, PCBs, volatiles, lead or other contaminants in the air at unsafe levels. From Mon. 9/25 to Weds. 9/27 20 air samples were taken from 8 property boundary stations, 4 movable stations, and 6 personal (crew) samplers. Testing is done during demolition and will continue until it is complete. Prior to demolition, sampling was done to establish existing air quality conditions.

Pockets of Solvents Removed From Existing Wells Starting Sept 1

Almost 300 gallons of a solvent-water mix have been pumped out of the ground under Raymark. The solvent has been dispersing into and contaminating the groundwater. The solvent is not flammable. It is extracted 24-hours a day and temporarily stored in a tank before it is taken off-site for disposal.

Status of Budget for Cleanup

Currently, EPA-New England has $15.9 million, $18 million is still needed to complete the demolition and removal of solvent contamination from groundwater. Funding to design a protective cap is available, however $26 million needed for construction is not. If continued funding is not available by November, the site would be safely shutdown until work can continue.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem?

EPA staff are working closely with the Stratford Health Department to ensure that the demolition is done safely and with as little local impact as possible. If you have a question or problem, such as excessive noise, please contact the Health Department at 385-4090 and they will work with us to resolve any issues. In the evening, an answering machine will take your call. As demolition progresses EPA will provide another number for after-hours calls concerning noise.

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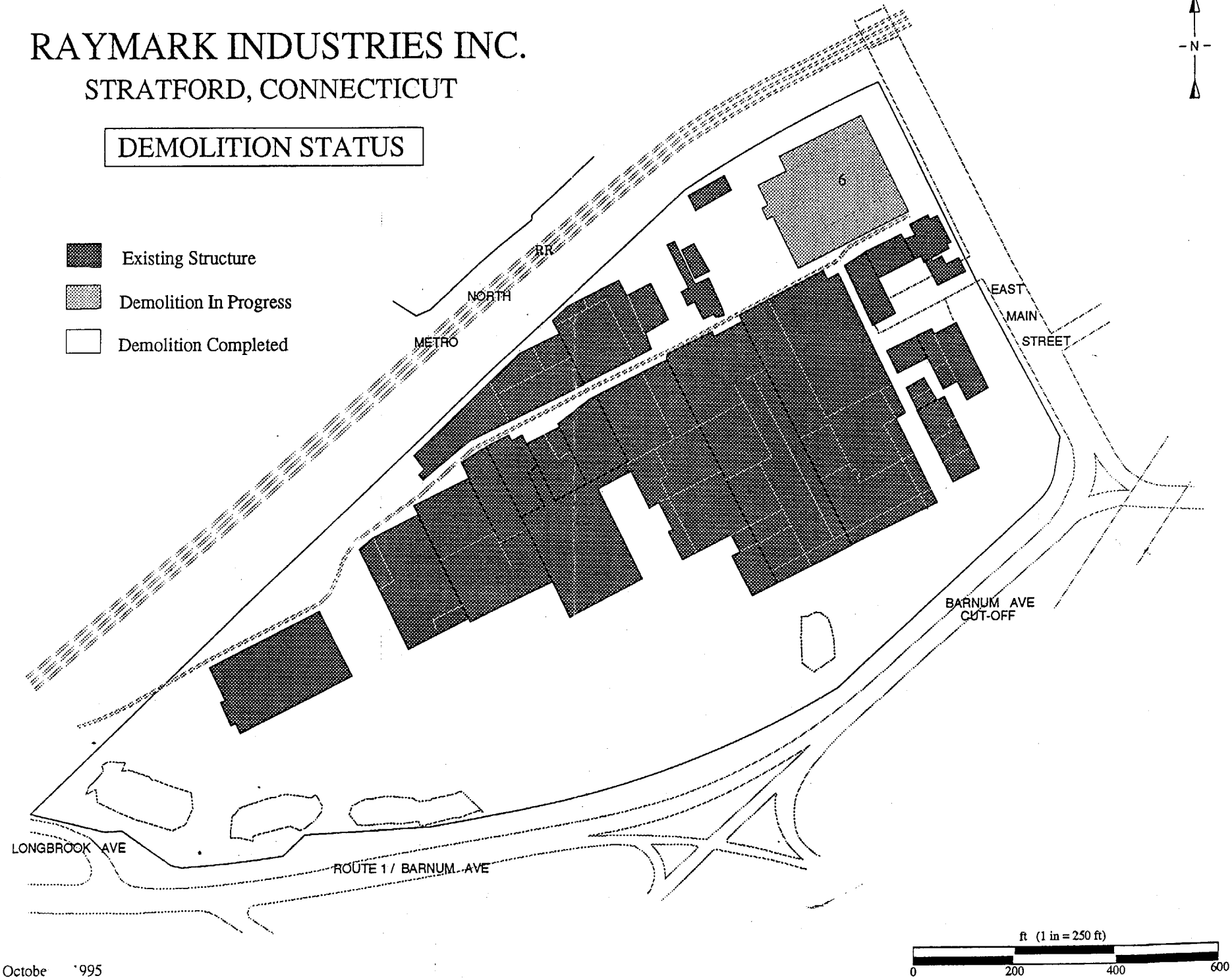
DEMOLITION STATUS



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