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Demolition Complete - Cap Preparations Continue: Demolition at Raymark is now history!! On May 15 the final building on the Raymark property was knocked down. Only a small amount of debris remains to be sorted for recycling or disposal. You have probably noticed that work at the site has slowed and our labor force has been reduced to 40 local union laborers working four 10-hour days.

We have nearly completed "dynamic compaction (DC)," which began on April 15 in the eastern and central portions of the site, to compact and stabilize the ground. Recent test results of the soil are confirming that the compaction process is working as originally planned. DC should be finished in these areas of the site by the end of June, at which time the two cranes are expected to leave the site. In the northeast corner of the site, we are continuing to build piles of clean soil to compress underlying soils. This surcharging will soon begin in the central portion of the site and continue through July 4th.

On June 24 we expect to begin spreading out some of the contaminated soil which had been removed from 46 residential yards over the past two years. This soil, and eventually the contaminated soil already brought back from Wooster School, will be covered by sand to form the base of the protective cap. Visible work at the site will increase with 60 laborers working six 10-hour days spreading soil and continuing to build surcharge piles using clean soil. Furthermore, to prepare the entire site for the protective cap, trees and brush are being cleared from along the railroad tracks and roadways and United Illuminating is relocating utilities off of the site so they don't interfere with cap construction. A final, detailed design for the cap is expected to be finished in August.

ıding Status: Despite the recent influx of funding to the project in late April, the overall cleanup is still suffering some effects from limited funding this past winter. These budget delays have slowed our ability to place orders for cap materials. As a result, materials for this large construction project, such as the 3.2 million square feet of impermeable liners, are taking additional time to be manufactured. The current $39 million available to the project should allow the EPA to purchase approximately half of the materials needed for cap construction.

For the last year the EPA has participated in negotiations with Raymark, Raymark's successor and the developer, Leach Family Holdings. Our consistent goals have been to see that we reach a fair settlement that addresses environmental contamination problems at the site and gives the property a good chance for redevelopment. Toward that end we have been actively working on a Prospective Purchaser Agreement which would secure additional funds for the capping and would provide liability protection for the developer.

We estimate that an additional $28 million is still needed to complete the cap. With that additional funding we hope to complete the cap by early winter.

Air Testing Results: Continuous air testing for total suspended particulates (TSP), or dust, is continuing daily. Present levels of dust are still indicating periodic exceedances despite the aggressive controls in place. Sampling for lead, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) has found no detectable levels of these contaminants, even when contaminated soil is being moved on the site. The health agencies continue to evaluate and review all air monitoring results which are also available at the town library.

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

RAYMARK INDUSTRIES INC.

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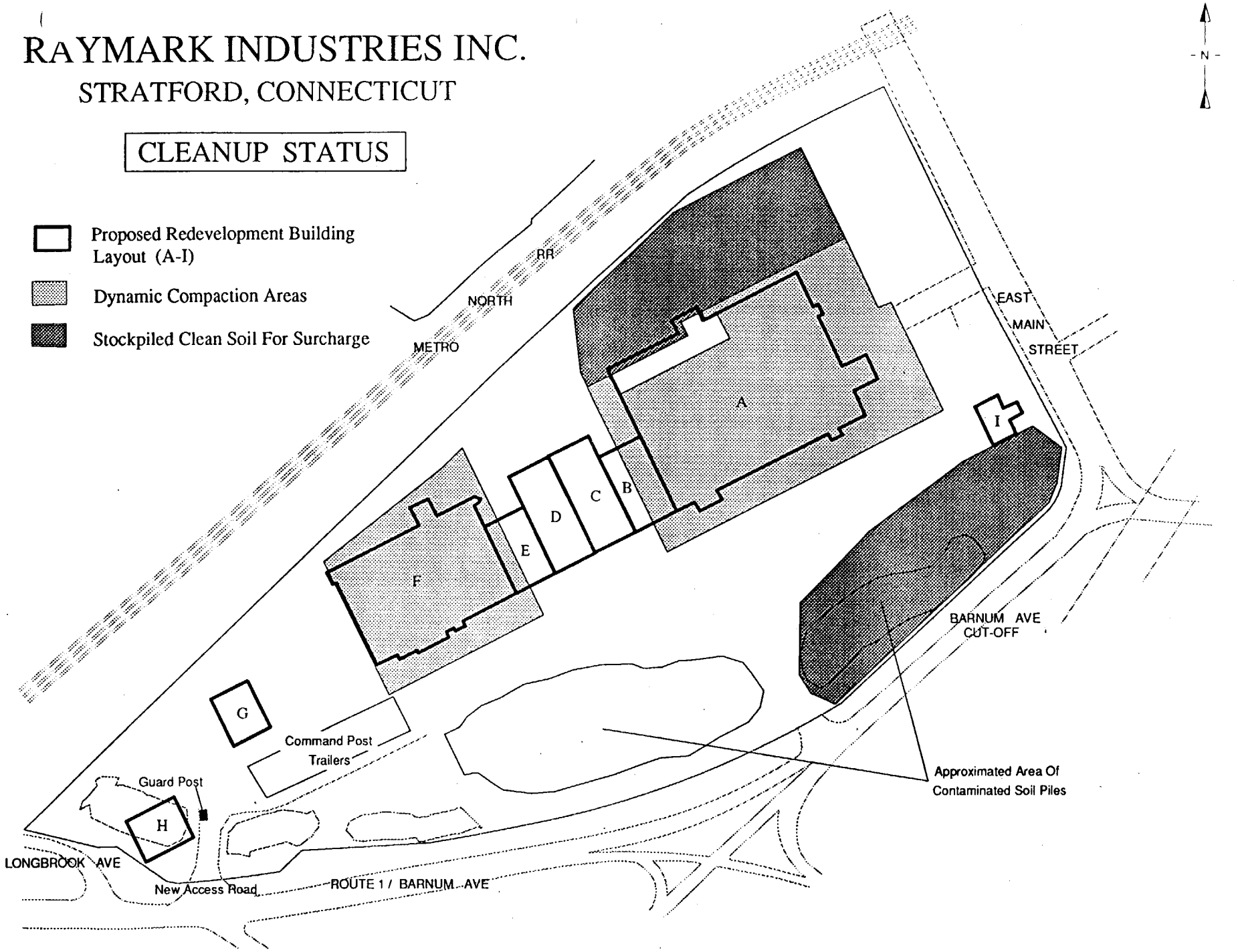

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