

**PROGRESS IN 2003**  
**Raymark Advisory Committee (RAC)**  
**January 2004**

The Stratford Town Council established the Raymark Advisory Committee on 2 June 2000. The objectives of the Town Council in establishing the Raymark Advisory Committee were:

- to ensure all stakeholders have meaningful input in cleanup decisions at the Raymark Superfund site; and,
- to provide a forum for on-going dialogue and cooperation among members of the Stratford community, Town officials, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency New England (EPA), the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and other concerned parties about issues related to the Raymark cleanup.

In the last year, since January 2003, the RAC has undertaken several actions. The RAC has:

*Agreements and Reviews & Comment*

- Finalized Overall Raymark Cleanup Objectives in a Consensus Document agreed to by the Town Council and the Agencies
- Reviewed an early draft of the OU6 (commercial properties) Remedial Investigation (RI), ensuring that the properties ultimately included would be as limited as possible while protecting human health and the environment, that abutters would not be listed in the RI, and that volume estimates would be completed, but described outside of the RI.
- Reviewed the comprehensive Feasibility Study (CFS) approach and agreed to work with the agency in moving forward with this comprehensive approach.
- Reviewed the Preliminary Technology Screening for the CFS and worked with the agencies to improve the draft listing of remedial technologies.
- Identified key outstanding RI issues for OUs 4 and 5 (the ball field and boat club), including OU5 and OU7 delineation, dioxin baseline issues, and soil leachability and the necessity for sufficient sampling to avoid a pre-ordained remedial approach due to insufficient data.
- Reviewed draft letters and other materials to be sent to OU6 property owners in early 2004.

*Budget and Schedule*

- Obtained updated budget numbers for the federal and state Raymark accounts.

- Identified that careful spending of remaining Superfund monies is essential in order to ensure money remains for at least key remedial actions, especially for OU6.
- Reviewed budgets and schedules for sub-slab depressurization systems to assure that moneys were prudently allocated.

#### *Actions*

- Intervened in a pump test on OU2 investigation that did not meet the proper permitting discharge requirements and asked the agencies to correct the problem.
- Requested and received a new posting for the Broad Street Bridge regarding sediment contamination.
- Supported the effort for installation of sub-slab depressurization systems for some 100 homes potentially affected by soil gas while also carefully monitoring and critiquing the project's implementation, including costs and effectiveness of systems.

#### *Presentations and Briefings*

- Brought the SRI consultant for a final presentation on that planning effort.
- Brought EPA legal counsel to discuss in-depth liability and legal issues related to the cleanup.
- Brought the CT DPH to present on the health consult for the soil gas work.
- Briefed new Town Council members on the status and future of the cleanup.

2004 brings old and new challenges, and the importance of moving forward with identifying cleanup alternatives in the CFS. In 2004, the RAC will seek to:

- Obtain a scope, schedule, and budget for the work in 2004.
- Take a more direct role in management of the RAC's facilitator and technical consultant.
- Assist in finalizing the OU6 and OU2 RIs;
- Review remedial technologies during the CFS process and encourage an expedited schedule for moving toward remediation.
- Review and critique costs of the soil-gas work to be completed in winter 2004.
- Assist in public outreach efforts for the OU6 RI and other documents.
- Inform, educate, and brief the Town Council on key clean up issues with the goal of more actively engaging them in the process.

Stratford residents are encouraged to attend the RAC meetings. The RAC typically holds meetings the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM at the Army Engine Plant. The RAC posts agendas and a meeting schedule with the Town and Town Council Clerk. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to the

facilitator, Patrick Field at (617) 492-1414 x18, or RAC member Paul Rohaly at (203) 378-3822.