

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 46
IMMEDIATE ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IN WAKE OF MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL DISASTER IN LENOIR COUNTY

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2003, a major industrial disaster occurred in Lenoir County at the facility of West Pharmaceutical Services that substantially destroyed all of the physical facilities of the West Pharmaceutical Services plant; and,

WHEREAS, employment compensation for the employees of West Pharmaceutical Services will end on February 28, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, I have created a task force to coordinate state assistance to West Pharmaceutical Services and its employees,

NOW THEREFORE, as part of the assistance effort, I hereby direct and authorize the Employment Security Commission to waive the "waiting week" provided for in N.C.G.S. § 96-13(c), for the receipt of unemployment insurance benefits for employees affected by this major industrial disaster, and hereby direct and authorize the Chairman of the Employment Security Commission to implement regulations prescribing the procedure for the waiver of the waiting week in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 96-4(b).

This Executive Order is intended to, and does, satisfy the third condition set forth in the amendments to N.C.G.S. § 96-13, approved by the General Assembly in February 2003 in the wake of the West Pharmaceutical Services disaster.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

Done in the Capital City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this 27th day of February 2003.

MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ELAINE F. MARSHALL
SECRETARY OF STATE