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GOV. EASLEY RELEASES DISASTER RECOVERY GUIDE
Critical Resource for State and Local Leaders Overseeing Disaster Recovery Efforts

RALEIGH - Gov. Michael Easley today announced release of the *North Carolina Disaster Recovery Guide*, a detailed and critical resource for state and local leaders who manage, organize and oversee disaster recovery efforts. The guide will help assure official and community-based agencies work effectively together to rebuild from any future disasters. The guide will be presented Tuesday at a meeting in Raleigh of the Disaster Recovery Team, a coalition of state and local officials who aided identifying and compiling the resources.

“Over the years North Carolina has learned many valuable lessons about disaster recovery,” said Easley. “This guide, which will be continually updated, will help make sure that, if a disaster strikes, communities have the most up-to-date information on where to turn for assistance.”

The 135-page guide will help government and community leaders, identify the people, agencies and resources to manage and lead recovery efforts. It provides a comprehensive overview of the roles, responsibilities and assistance programs that have been available in the past, from agriculture to volunteers. It covers dozens of federal, regional and state agencies and scores of national, state and local programs with the contact information to help identify and tap appropriate resources.

“Few of us specialize in disaster recovery,” Easley said. “But when disaster strikes, we all must have the tools we need to work together for the public good. This guide will help state and local leaders move quickly to help their communities.”

About 500 copies of the report will be distributed to state, county and municipal officials around North Carolina along with organizations likely to be involved with community assistance and rebuilding efforts. Copies are also available online to download at www.osbm.state.nc.us/disaster.

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