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GARNER, N.C. (AP) — Production of Slim Jim snacks is ending at a plant in Garner were an explosion killed four people in 2009.

The closing of the ConAgra plant Friday puts 200 employees out of work. ConAgra announced in February it intended to close the plant.

Investigators have said contractors were purging gas lines at the time of the blast, causing the building's roof to collapse.

About 750 employees worked at the Garner operation when the explosion occurred.

ConAgra is donating the facility and land to the town.

Town officials say they have heard from executives of several food-manufacturing companies interested in setting up operations there.

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