SC Highway 130 to be closed Saturday

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SENECA — A planned movement of a new transformer for Oconee Nuclear Station is scheduled from 8 a.m. until around noon Saturday, closing S.C. Highway 130 from Old Clemson Road to the station for the duration of the movement.

The transformer, currently at the Newry railroad spur, will be stored on site at the nuclear station.

"Please expect increased travel time during the road closures and make the necessary arrangements to allow for road and sidewalk blockages and the longer wait times," Duke Energy South Carolina nuclear generation communications manager Chris Rimel said. "We understand this is frustrating for some and of interest to others, and we appreciate following the directions of the law enforcement officers assisting with the move."

"Flagmen will be stationed as necessary along the route to direct traffic," Rimel said. "This is a milestone event for Oconee and will help assure continued safe and reliable electrical generation from the station for years to come."

If weather prevents the move Saturday, it will be postponed until Sunday.