

Dairyland Power Cooperative is planning to close Highway 35 at Genoa for about 45 minutes between now and 2pm today, to move the last of five casks of nuclear waste that were re-located this summer.

All told, about 120 thousand pounds of waste from the cooperative's former nuclear plant was moved from a storage pool in the reactor facility, where it's been held for 25 years. The spent fuel is now in a steel and concrete casks at their own storage pad, where the waste can be held indefinitely at a much lower cost.

Dairyland said the project cost over 40 million dollars. Storage costs will be cut in half, and it will speed up the plant's decommissioning process. The facility has been closed since 1987.