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### **HWY 501 CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC THE NIGHT OF JUNE 6**

*BIG ISLAND, Va.* – Highway 501 between Lakeside Drive and Big Island will experience major traffic disruption the night of June 6, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m., as a boiler weighing 225,000 lbs. is delivered from the rail spur at Frito-Lay in Lynchburg to the Georgia-Pacific mill in Big Island.

The major disruptions will be at the Wiggington Rd. overpass and the section of Hwy. 501 from Winding Creek Rd. to Big Island. Hwy. 501 will be closed to through traffic at Winding Creek Rd. at 6:00 p.m. for approximately 10 hours.

The boiler is expected to pass under the Wiggington Rd. overpass at approximately 9:30 p.m., but it must cross the median and go under the bridge in the southbound lane for clearance. Motorists can expect significant delays.

The road closure at Hwy. 501 and Winding Creek is to allow the construction of a “jumper bridge” over the Judith Creek Bridge. Once past Holcomb Rock Rd., due to the boiler’s size the transport will take up both lanes as it continues to Big Island.

Virginia state police will escort the transport from Frito-Lay to Georgia-Pacific. Utility company bucket trucks will also accompany the boiler to lift or temporarily disconnect low-hanging utility lines along the route. Lynchburg City police will assist in escorting it through Lynchburg.

Miller Transfer Company, headquartered in Edinburg, Ohio, is transporting the boiler. The move has required the collaborative efforts of Georgia-Pacific, VDOT, Virginia State Police, Lynchburg City, Bedford County, Appalachian Power, Verizon, Comcast, nTelos, Level3 and Frito-Lay.