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The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will be monitoring conditions on the interstate highways in the Upstate region of South Carolina on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016 and into Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016. The weather forecast indicates a slight chance of freezing precipitation from Friday night into Saturday morning. Temperatures are expected to rise on Saturday, turning precipitation into rain.

SCDOT crews are pretreating some areas as a precaution. Trucks have been loaded with materials and are ready to assist. SCDOT maintenance units are stocked with salt, sand, brine and the other materials used in de-icing operations.

Following pretreating operations, skeleton crews will begin a shift starting at midnight Friday in Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Lancaster, Laurens, Newberry, Union and York counties. Other counties will have crews on-call and ready to respond should the weather take a turn for the worse.

SCDOT urges motorists to use caution at all times, particularly in icy conditions. Caution should be used for your safety and for those who are working to keep the highways open.

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