



Lake Murray

Lake Murray was created as a source of energy for the Columbia area more than 70 years ago. Today, it is a major recreation area, a resource for drinking water, fisheries and wildlife – as well as a source for hydroelectric power.

- The Saluda Hydroelectric Plant, located on Lake Murray, is almost always designated as reserve power, meaning it remains on standby for the purpose of generating electricity should another SCE&G plant or a plant belonging to a neighboring utility go down.

- The plant must be available at a moment's notice to dispatch electricity in the event of an emergency. When Saluda Hydro is used in emergency cases, it is usually for a very short period of time and there is virtually no impact to lake levels.

- The rare occasions that Saluda is operated for purposes other than reserve capacity include scheduled releases for such events as Canoeing for Kids and training for the Columbia Fire Department's swift water rescue team. Water is also released when requested by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources or by SCE&G for environmental studies. In these cases, impact to lake levels is also minimal.

- SCE&G has no control over the inflow of water into Lake Murray. The Saluda River and rainfall over the entire river basin replenish the lake over time.

For more information on Lake Murray, including current lake levels, visit <http://www.sceg.com/en/my-community/lake-murray/>.