

Meeting

ICE Reservoirs Committee

Date Thursday 26 February 2026
Time 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Venue MS Teams
Chair Jim Hall

Panel members

Sub-Committee 1

Alan Brown - Chair
Kenneth Barr
David Neeve
Andrew Thompson
Jasvir Malia

Sub-Committee 2

Chris Scott - Chair
Dominic Molyneux
Martin Deane
David Littlemore
Debbe Cooke

Ex Officio

Jan Kiernan – Defra
Mark Acford – Environment Agency
Jonathan Sewell – Scottish Government
Sara Fletcher – Scottish Government
Ryan Robinson – Department of Infrastructure, NI
Sam Deeley – Welsh Government
Matthew O’Brien – Natural Resources Wales

By Invite

Ed McCann

Secretariat

Brendan Van Rooyen - ICE
Kerrie McPeake - ICE
Saima Saddique - ICE

Summary of Applications in February 2026

New Applications

5 new applications were submitted to the Supervising Engineers Panel this cycle.

2 Supervising Engineers applicants have been recommended for appointment in England and Wales.

2 Supervising Engineers applicants have been recommended for appointment in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

2 new applications were submitted to the All Reservoir Engineers Panel this cycle.

1 All Reservoir Engineers Panel applicant has been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Re-applications

9 re-applications were made to the Supervising Engineers Panel this cycle.

4 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment to England and Wales.

1 Supervising Engineers Panel re-application has been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

3 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

1 Supervising Engineers Panel re-application has been recommended for re-appointment to Scotland.

4 re-applications were made to the All Reservoirs Engineers Panel this cycle.

4 All Reservoir Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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| Item no | PART A Updates from government and enforcement authorities | |
| 2526 | Legislative changes, jurisdictional impacts | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions: <p>England – Janet Kiernan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is ongoing development of the new reservoir classification and regulatory approach. • Additional work is underway to ensure the new framework is proportionate for all types of undertakers. • Analysis is being carried out to understand how proposed changes would affect these groups and proposals will be prepared and issued for public consultation in due course. <p>Scotland – Jonathan Sewell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration continues with Nasim on preparations for the statutory six-year risk assessment, alongside efforts to restart work on identifying ‘potential reservoirs’. Progress is expected to be made over the next year. • All regulatory reform work has been paused pending the May 2026 elections, SEPA will continue to enforce the current regulatory regime as business as usual during this period. <p>Northern Ireland – Ryan Robinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secondary legislation has been with the Committee for Infrastructure for scrutiny since November 2024, and the process is still ongoing. • A public consultation on a proposed grant scheme was carried out last year. The consultation report has been completed, with Minister set to publish soon. Once published and submitted to the Committee, officials expect to appear before the Committee again, with the hope that they pass the secondary legislation, which can then be laid before the Assembly. <p>Wales – Sam Deeley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing participation in the Joint England–Wales Reservoirs Safety Reform Programme. • The launch of the public consultation on proposed reforms to reservoir safety is planned for a time after the 2026 Senedd elections. | |

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| 2527 | Reservoir Safety Review | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on progress – <p>Brendan Van Rooyen – The future supply project includes several active workstreams. University engagement is underway, focusing on two areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raising the profile of reservoir engineering within undergraduate and master’s programmes by developing lesson plans that lecturers can embed into their courses. • Exploring the creation of a university-delivered short course in reservoir engineering. Early discussions suggest capacity for only one such course nationally, and development work is ongoing. <p>The project team is also working with the BDS to strengthen the L&D pipeline for both Chartered and Incorporated Engineers aiming to become SuPE and SuPE seeking to progress to the ARPE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Panel Engineer Committee – Chris Scott <p>Following on from the published research reports, concerns remain regarding proportionality. The PEC has submitted formal comments to DEFRA and has also presented concerns at both the Supervising Engineers’ Forum and the Inspecting Engineers’ Forum. These concerns focus particularly on the extent of the proposed changes, and the proposals across the various risk categories.</p> <p>The PEC has also been working with the Project team on the Future Supply of Engineers project.</p> | |
| | <p>Future meeting dates: Thursday 18th June 2026, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (Online) Thursday 15th October 2026, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (Online)</p> | |