

Meeting ICE Reservoirs Committee

Date Thursday 20 June 2024
Time
Venue MS Teams
Chair Ed McCann

Panel members

Sub-Committee 1 Stuart King
Craig Goff
Tom Wanner

Sub-Committee 2 Jeremy Benn (Chair)
Andrew Kirby
Dave Crook
Ian Scholefield
Dominic Molyneux

Jan Kiernan – Defra
Tony Deakin – Environment Agency
Claire Dodd – Scottish Government
Quinton Campbell - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Ryan Robinson - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Matt O'Brien – Natural Resources Wales
Sam Deeley – Welsh Government

By Invite Chris Scott – PEC Chair
Anthea Peters – BDS Representative

Apologies Alan Brown (Sub-Committee 1)
Violeta Morosan - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Alice Baverstock - Defra
Rachel Pether (Sub-Committee 1)
James Ashworth – SEPA

Secretariat Brendan van Rooyen - ICE
Rabinder Phull - ICE
Kerrie McPeake - ICE

Summary of Applications in June 2024

New Applications

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

1 Supervising Engineer applicant has been recommended for appointment in England and Wales, and 1 Supervising Engineer applicant has been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland.

1 new application was submitted to the Non-Impounding Reservoirs Panel this cycle.

Re-applications

4 re-applications were made to the Supervising Engineers Panel.

4 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment: 1 of which is re-appointed to England, Wales and Scotland, 2 to England and Wales, and 1 to Scotland.

3 re-applications were made to the All Reservoirs Panel.

3 All Reservoirs Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales and Scotland.

1 re-application was made to the Service Reservoirs Panel and has been recommended to England, Wales and Scotland.

Item no	PART A Updates from government and enforcement authorities	
2417	Legislative changes, jurisdictional impacts	
	<p>i. Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <p>England – Jan Kiernan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing progress. • A new government will be formed soon and existing ministers are continuing in current roles. Public safety issues and current processes for appointments are most likely to continue as normal following the election. <p>Scotland - Claire Dodd No updates.</p> <p>Northern Ireland - Quinton Campbell Ministers have agreed to proceed with the secondary regulations to further commence the Reservoirs Act, and officials are working to progress this as soon as the NI Assembly dates allow.</p> <p>Wales – Sam Deeley/Matt O’Brien SD was attending the meeting for the first time. SD stated that they will be looking at joint legislative reform with Defra and the EA.</p>	
2418	Reservoir Safety Review	
	<p>i. Update on progress - JK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK stated there was good progress with the development of the hazard classifications structure and the safety management practices that fit into it. Fine tuning is required on exactly how it will apply in each class within the structure. There will be information on this in due course and the BDS conference in September. • Defra/EA are continuing to liaise with the PEC and this committee to take forward the recommendations. • There is good progress with the future supply of engineers project and Defra are grateful to BVR for his assistance. Also looking at getting SEs up to ARPEs. BVR added that the project is gaining good traction with Louis Troup project managing it and the first major piece of work is the mentoring scheme. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A survey was carried out on flood plan benefits and their implementation. A presentation on the findings will be given on 25 July with colleagues from JBA. The research and outcomes will be communicated in due course. <p>ii. Update from Panel Engineer Committee (PEC) – CS The PEC are continuing to meet monthly. TD and Mark Chapman from the EA joined the meeting in April and JK and Nassim Rehman from Defra joined in May. Louis Troup who is the new Project Manager is also attending meetings.</p> <p>PEC’s current involvement across the workstreams is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazard classification – The PEC has three participants in high level engagement working with the project teams. In addition, the PEC organised a workshop for risk specification methodologies on 29 April. Another workshop to look at design review methodologies is scheduled for 28 June. Future supply of engineers - PEC organised a questionnaire to identify inefficient processes, SupEs who could transfer to ARPEs and ARPEs who could act as mentors. Risk assessment – conducted a survey in 3rd quarter of 2023. <p>CS has a meeting tomorrow with BVR and Nassim as a follow up meeting from May to discuss priority areas for support.</p> <p>Wales will be liaising with the PEC on the Reservoirs Safety Masterplan in the near future.</p>	
	<p>PART B Reservoirs Committee policy and procedure</p>	
2421	<p>Reports</p>	
	<p>I. British Dam Society (BDS) Anthea Peters joined the meeting. AP is a member of the BDS committee and will be the BDS representative for the ICE committee.</p> <p>II. Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG) AP is a member of ReSRAG and the group met recently at an in-person meeting in April. ReSRAG present future research projects for development and seek funding from EA and alternate sources. For example, there is currently a project reviewing erosion testing at Sheffield University.</p>	

	Future meeting dates: 17 October 2024 – 2.00pm to 5.00pm	
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