

## Meeting

## ICE Reservoirs Committee

**Date** Thursday 27 February 2025  
**Time** 2.00pm to 5.00pm  
**Venue** MS Teams  
**Chair** Ed McCann

### Panel members

#### Sub-Committee 1

Alan Brown - Chair  
Stuart King  
Craig Goff  
Kenneth Barr  
David Neeve

#### Sub-Committee 2

Ian Scholefield - Chair  
Dave Crook  
Dominic Molyneux  
Chris Scott  
Martin Deane

### Ex Officio

Nasim Rahman – Defra  
Rhiannon Shaw - Defra  
Mark Acford – Environment Agency  
Jonathan Sewell – Scottish Government  
Sara Fletcher – Scottish Government  
James Ashworth - SEPA  
Ryan Robinson – Department of Infrastructure, NI  
Violeta Morosan – Department of Infrastructure, NI  
Sam Deeley – Welsh Government  
Matthew O’Brian – Natural Resources Wales

### By Invite

Serene Li – Project Manager

### Secretariat

Brendan van Rooyen - ICE  
Kerrie McPeake – ICE  
Saima Saddique - ICE

### Summary of Applications in February 2025

#### New Applications

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

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

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

4 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England and Wales.

1 Supervising Engineer applicant has been recommended for appointment in Scotland.

#### Re-applications

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

5 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, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

1 re-application was made to the All Reservoirs Panel and has been recommended for re-appointment to England, Wales and Scotland and NI.

Item no	<b>PART A</b> <b>Updates from government and enforcement authorities</b>	
2506	<b>Legislative changes, jurisdictional impacts</b>	
	<p>i. Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <p><b>England – Nasim Rahman</b> No legislation updates but in E &amp; W we have our reform programme. The Hazard classification research that JBA undertook should be published within couple of months. Will set up broad brush on what proposal would be made in the future consultation, hopefully planned for end of the year.</p> <p><b>Wales - Matthew O Brian</b> Programme is rolling and building towards a consultation for end of the year. No change in regulations. November 2nd is the centenary of the Dolgarrog disaster.</p> <p><b>Scotland – Jonathan Sewell</b> We now have a Water management preparedness and resilience unit and reservoirs policy sits within that. Continuing to work with the other home governments and associated agencies on reform work. Scotland does have its own legislation, don't really see a particular case for significant divergent.</p> <p><b>Northern Ireland</b> Violeta Morosan - Future NI reservoirs regulators / enforcement authority Preparations for Reservoir Act under way and have guidance documents drafted to assist Reservoir managers and their Engineers. Developing a digital solution which will hopefully streamline the process for monitoring compliance and enforcement where necessary.</p> <p>Ryan Robinson – NI Reservoirs policy and legislation NI Executive passed the paper in October. The infrastructure committee has asked for further information before they approve which we have prepared and ready to send to them.</p>	

2507	<b>Reservoir Safety Review</b>	
	<p>i. Update on progress – Nasim Rahman Work on panel restructure being undertaken in collaboration with PEC. A firm proposal should be shared with the committee next month.</p> <p>Update from Panel Engineer Committee – Chris Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WS1 - Hazard classification. In process of producing documents to Defra around concerns regarding regulatory impact assessments and in particular focus on the proportionality of the proposed new safety measures and the cost benefit. Meeting of PEC on 28<sup>th</sup> February which will finalise the documents to send to Defra.</li> <li>• WS2 around the supply of engineers. Majority of work has been around panel restructure. PEC to get actions / materials to Defra by 10<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>• WS3 – Reservoir safety management plans. There was a workshop at the BDS conference mid-September. Defra has appointed Matt Macdonald to assist with the development of the Reservoir safety management plans. There will be a series of workshops to shape the finer details.</li> <li>• WS4 – Mios and risk Not much activity involving PEC</li> <li>• WS5 – EA duties Not much activity involving PEC</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Future meeting dates:</b> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (Online) Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (OGGS, Brassey Room)</p>	