

Meeting

ICE Reservoirs Committee

Date Thursday 16 October 2025
Time 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Venue MS Teams / OGGS
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

Ex Officio

Nasim Rahman - Defra
Mark Acford – Environment Agency
Sara Fletcher – Scottish Government
James Ashworth - SEPA
Amy Law – Northern Ireland Government
Helen May - Welsh Government
Matthew O'Brien – Natural Resources Wales

By Invite

Andrew Thompson
David Littlemore
Debbe Cooke

Secretariat

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

Summary of Applications in October 2025

New Applications

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

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

2 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Re-applications

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

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

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

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

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

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| Item no | PART A Updates from government and enforcement authorities | |
| 2526 | Legislative changes, jurisdictional impacts | |
| | <p>I. Update on current legislative situation in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <p>England – Nasim Rahman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently no legislative updates. • The consultation document is being finalised for the Reform Programme. The consultation is expected to go live within the next 3 to 6 months and will encompass all the changes and include information on Hazard classification, Engineering and RSMP. This will be an England and Wales consultation. <p>Scotland – Sara Fletcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are currently no legislative updates. • Scotland will continue to keep in dialogue with the other UK administrations on the Defra reform programme and consider any potential implications that may have on the legislation in Scotland. • In June the first re-established meeting of Reservoirs Safety Stakeholder group was held alongside SEPA. Aiming to hold these twice a year to maintain discussion and a forum for any issues the sector may have and to relay any relevant legislative changes to the sector. <p>Northern Ireland – Amy Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secondary legislation is still at the statutory committee stage with the Committee for Infrastructure. Since November 2024, four separate briefings have been provided to the Committee. Due to scheduling issues, it is likely the consultation report will be presented to the Committee early next year. • A public consultation was launched in June 2025 for an initial cost and inspection fee grant of up to £10,000. This consultation ran for 14 weeks and 16 responses were received. Currently analysing the responses and compiling a consultation report which will be submitted to the Minister before being published. <p>Wales – Helen May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Welsh Government are working with Defra on the joint RSRP and will be going into consultation soon. | |

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| 2527 | Reservoir Safety Review | |
| | <p>I. Update from Panel Engineer Committee – Chris Scott</p> <p>A short note was published in the BDS newsletter about what the PEC does and will also be published in ‘Dams and Reservoirs’. CS also spoke at the Supervising Engineers forum and will be speaking at the Inspecting Engineers Forum in November.</p> <p>A session was held with Matt Jenkins in which he spoke about RSMP and current thought proposals around Reservoirs safety management plans and Reservoir safety case. The PEC raised several points and are currently awaiting to hear back.</p> <p>In March the PEC shared some concerns with Defra regarding the hazard classification work. The research reports were published in mid-July allowing the PEC to review the documentation.</p> | |
| | <p>Future meeting dates: Thursday 26th February 2026, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (Online) Thursday 18th June 2026, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (Online) Thursday 15th October 2026, 2.00pm – 5.00pm (Online)</p> | |

