

*These notes refer to the Reservoirs Act (Northern Ireland)
2015 (c.8) which received Royal Assent on 24 July 2015*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Controlled Reservoirs, Registration and Reservoir Designation

Section 18 – Periodic re-assessment of reservoir designations

The Department must undertake a periodic re-assessment of the reservoir designation, taking into account the matters mentioned in section 22 and must either confirm or give the reservoir a different designation. Subsection (3) details the timeframes within which a periodic re-assessment must be undertaken. Generally a periodic re-assessment would be undertaken not later than 10 years from the date of the first designation or the latest periodic re-assessment.

Subsection (4) requires the Department to give notice to the reservoir manager of its decision - either it confirms the designation or gives a different reservoir designation. The information to be specified in the notice is listed. The notice must provide the reservoir manager with the reason for the Department's decision, information about the right to seek review of the decision; and it must advise that the designation continues to have effect pending a decision being reached in a review.