

POLICY NOTE

THE RESERVOIRS (PANELS OF RESERVOIR ENGINEERS: SECTIONS UNDER WHICH MEMBERS MAY BE APPOINTED) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2015

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1. The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 27(a) and 114(2)(b) of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (“the Act”) and all other powers enabling them to do so. It is subject to the negative procedure.

Policy objectives

2. The Scottish Ministers have established four panels of reservoir engineers under section 27 of the Act. These are the All Reservoirs (Scotland) Panel, the Non-Impounding Reservoirs (Scotland) Panel, the Service Reservoirs (Scotland) Panel and the Supervising Engineers (Scotland) Panel. Suitably qualified civil engineers may apply to the Scottish Ministers to be a member to one or more of these panels.

3. The Act requires civil engineers perform various tasks. The engineer must be a member of a panel from which a person may be selected to perform the task. In effect, this Order lists the tasks that a panel member may be appointed to perform.

Consultation

5. The Institution of Civil Engineers was consulted on proposals to make this order in accordance with section 31(1)(b) of the Act (with a draft of the order having been considered by its reservoirs committee). The Institute was also consulted on proposals to establish the four panels mentioned above. The Institute was broadly supportive of these proposals. In addition, no adverse comments were received on the proposals from SEPA, Scottish Water and other industry representatives.

Financial effects

6. No business and regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for this Order as no impact upon business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.

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