

Reservoirs Briefing Note 02

Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011

Registration process

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1. The registration process

With the introduction of the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 (the 2011 Act), All reservoirs that have the capacity to hold 25,000m³ or more of water above the natural level of the surrounding land are required to be registered with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

To register a reservoir the reservoir manager is required to complete a reservoir registration form, produce a reservoir inundation map, include the correct registration fee and forward these to SEPA. Following receipt of these, SEPA will contact the reservoir manager to confirm whether the submission is valid and where this is the case, that their registration is complete. Thereafter, the reservoir will be issued a provisional risk designation.

2. Required information

A significant amount of information is required at the point of registration. This is because the information relating to a reservoir is essential for the production of the reservoir inundation (flood) maps which aid the risk designation process. Key information required includes:

- Name and contact details of the reservoir manager, owner, construction engineer, supervising engineer and inspecting engineer.
- Details of your last Section 10 inspection.
- 8 figure grid references, which should identify the centre of the reservoir and dam(s).
- Data specifying the volume, top water level and surface water area of the reservoir.
- The type of reservoir.
- The primary purpose of the water stored in the reservoir.
- The principal construction material of the dam.
- The primary type of dam.
- The maximum height of the dam.
- The bottom and crest level of the dam.
- Fetch length and direction

Technical information for reservoirs is available in the document '*Prescribed form of record for a large raised reservoir*' which should be kept complete by reservoir managers.



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3. Further information

For enquiries relating to the current regulation of your reservoir, please contact the Reservoirs Regulatory Unit at reservoirs@sepa.org.uk or call us on 03000 996699.

For further information about the 2011 Act and its implementation visit [SEPA's website](#).