

Reservoir Management

The Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 is currently replacing the Reservoirs Act 1975 in a phased approach and includes measures to ensure increased protection to the public from the risk of flooding from reservoirs.

Under the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011, from 1st April 2016:

- the Enforcement Authority role was transferred from Dundee City Council to SEPA.
- SEPA have a duty to maintain a Register of Controlled Reservoirs.
- reservoirs with a capacity over 25,000m³ were brought under the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011.

Smaller reservoirs with a capacity between 10,000 m³ and 25,000 m³ will be brought under the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011 at a later date.

More information on the Reservoirs (Scotland) Act 2011, its implementation, and the Controlled Reservoirs Register can be found:

1. On the SEPA website at <http://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/water/reservoirs/>
2. On the Scottish Government website at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Environment/Water/16922>

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