

Reservoirs Act 1975

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The Reservoirs Act 1975 provides a legal framework to ensure safety of large raised reservoirs. The Act applies to reservoirs greater than 25,000 m³ of water above natural ground level.

Under the Act, Dundee City Council as the reservoir owner (undertaker) for Clatto Reservoir have the following key responsibilities:

- Appoint a Supervising Engineer during the operation of the reservoir for carrying out annual inspections to maintain its structural integrity.
- Appoint an independent qualified engineer known as the 'Inspecting Engineer' to undertake major inspection of the reservoir every 10 years. The Undertaker should attend the inspection and provide the Inspecting Engineer with all necessary documentation to carry out the inspection. The Engineer appointed must be from the Panel of Civil Engineers and be a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.
- Ensures that works notified by either the Supervising or Inspecting Engineer, are carried out in a timely manner.
- Maintains an up to date register with a record of water levels and repair works undertaken, to ensure that the reservoir operates safely.
- Prepare a bi-annual Report of Inspections undertaken detailing remedial works undertaken, and recommendations made to Scottish Government.

The Reservoir (Scotland) Bill received Royal Assent on 12 April 2011. However the new Reservoir (Scotland) Act 2011 is yet to be commenced therefore, the above, 1975 Act continues to apply.