

Development of the requirements for Flood Plans under the Reservoirs Act 1975 (as amended)

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SYNOPSISThe Water Act 2003 amended the Reservoirs Act 1975 and gives the Secretary of State power to direct that the owner of a reservoir regulated in England and Wales under the 1975 Act shall prepare a Flood Plan (emergency plan). This paper describes the value of such plans followed by the various factors taken into consideration in the development of both the proposed specifications for Flood Plans, and the accompanying Engineering Guide. It also discusses how these would be expected to contribute to ensuring the continuing safety of UK reservoirs