Proposed reservoir safety legislation for Northern Ireland

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SYNOPSIS. The 1975 Reservoir Act does not extend to Northern Ireland and to date no similar legislation has been introduced. This means that there is no regulation for the inspection or maintenance of the 156 reservoirs identified as holding in excess of 10,000m³ of water. In early 2011 Rivers Agency, the flood defence and drainage authority for Northern Ireland, established a bill team to take forward reservoir safety policy development with a view to introducing primary legislation and associated regulations.