

## **Reservoirs Act 1975 - Progress on the implementation of the Environment Agency as Enforcement Authority**

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**SYNOPSIS.** The Water Act 2003 has established a new role for the Environment Agency (the Agency); that of the Enforcement Authority for the Reservoirs Act 1975 in England and Wales. Currently some 140 Local Authorities fulfill this role.

The Agency is preparing to commence this new role from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 and this paper describes the process being followed and progress to transfer this new duty. It also sets the scene for the subsequent increase in the role of the Enforcement Authority driven by the Water Act 2003, namely the requirement for Undertakers to produce Flood Plans for reservoirs.