

Post-incident reporting: learning from experience to promote reservoir safety

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SYNOPSIS. This paper explains how the new role of post-incident reporting for UK dams is working and considers the challenges for the future.

The paper will:

- explain how the post-incident reporting system works;
- summarise the type of incidents reported to the Environment Agency;
- highlight findings from post-incident investigations;
- summarise how the industry has been kept informed (bulletins, first annual report etc.) and expand on communications issues (freedom of information requests etc);
- expand on how similar systems are being engaged (e.g. The Standing Committee on Structural Safety (SCOSS) and Confidential Reporting on Structural Safety (CROSS));
- consider the need for mandatory post-incident reporting in the future;
- explain how the system can inform the reservoir research and development programme.