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Independent committee to investigate Scotland's energy supply

An independent, expert committee is being set up by The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) to review the issues for Scotland's energy supply and demand in the context of the likely UK, European and global energy environment. The inquiry will focus on the period from the present day to the year 2050. This independent inquiry is being set up at the instigation of the Council of The Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The first meeting of the independent committee will take place on Monday May 16 2005 at The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE). Members of the Media are cordially invited to a Question & Answer session, to take place at 10 a.m on Monday 16 May at The RSE, 22-26 George Street, Edinburgh. On this occasion, the committee's remit will be outlined.

As with the RSE's previous independent inquiries into the impact of Foot & Mouth Disease in Scotland and the future of the Scottish Fishing Industry, this inquiry will invite views from a wide range of individuals and organisations concerned with the implications of Scotland's energy supply.

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