



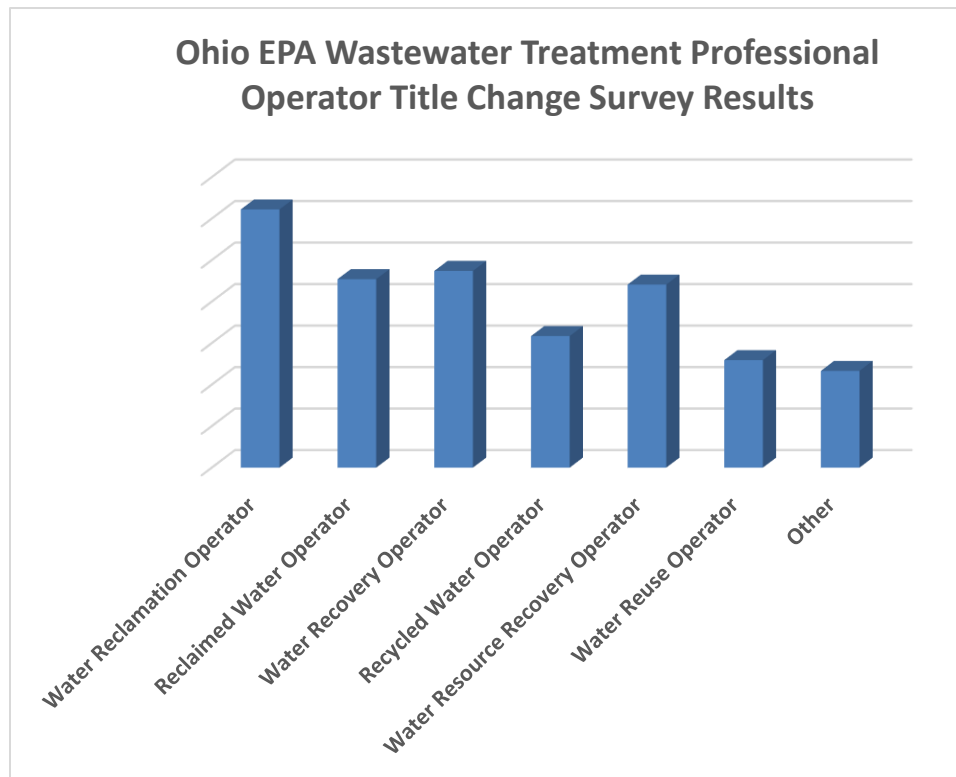
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Ohio EPA Wastewater Treatment Professional Operator Title Change Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ohio EPA Wastewater Treatment Professional Operator Title Change Survey. Ohio EPA appreciates your feedback and would like to share the results with you.

Survey Results

On July 14, 2023, Ohio EPA opened a survey to get feedback on potentially changing the name for Wastewater Treatment Professional Operator. The survey's purpose was to gather feedback on a potential title change that would reflect the new expectations operators may face with water reuse and/or with the hope of recruiting a new generation to the workforce. Over 480 participants contributed to the survey and the results showed people favored changing the name to Water Reclamation Professional Operator.



Title Change and Next Steps

The title change of “Wastewater Treatment Professional Operator” (as identified in OAC 3745-7-05) to Water Reclamation Professional Operator will be proposed in the operator certification rules that will be out for formal public comment this fall. This specific change would not impact Wastewater Collections Professional Operators. The change suggested will be phased in and would not require immediate changes to position descriptions or job titles.