Below is the Department's response to the following request: *Provide a comparison of whether and how other states regulate the occupation*.

The Department compared Wastewater Operator Certification (OCP) requirements in the State to other State's in EPA Region 7 (Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa). Each of three other EPA Region 7 states have similar operator certification requirements including facility classification, operator continuing education and certification testing requirements. The EPA National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program requires operator certification for all discharge permits.