

This survey was borne out of a curiosity of what charges, if any, were assessed to industrial users (IUs) to cover the annual pretreatment fees assessed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) with pretreatment programs. The question was posed at the March 2017 ACWA Pretreatment Committee meeting, and there was sufficient interest by several members. Johnny Leavy and Julia Crown volunteered to survey the Pretreatment Committee to determine how those annual fees were covered.

The detailed Revenue Survey (attached) is mostly self-explanatory – answers that were collected from the survey are posted in each cell. Blank cells represent no answer given. The top row in the spreadsheet contains the respondents to the survey, although some of the respondents are unnamed and are identified by either IP or email address.

The top portion of the survey summary (attached) includes the number of invitations sent and the number of responses collected – both as a whole number and as a percentage. The remaining data includes the number of responses, labelled as “Answers”, with an accompanied percentage of the total responses received. For example, using the first three rows of the summary:

- 29 responses received from 100 invitations is 29% Received;
- the first question received 27 Answers, which is 93% of the total 29 respondents who participated in the survey overall.
- The data is further broken down into individual responses for each particular question. Using the example above of the first question,
 - 8 responses were YES and 19 responses were NO,
 - the percentages for each reflect the percentage of answers received for that particular question – in this case that would be 30% YES and 70% NO of the total 27 answers received for that question.
- The second question received 19 answers, which is 66% of the total 29 respondents who participated,
 - 10 responses YES, 9 responses NO,
 - 10 is 53% and 9 is 47% of the 19 answers received for that question.
- And so on for the remaining questions.

Where applicable, the data used in the MIN / MAX / AVG columns represent values given for each question, regardless of the defined ranges within each category:

For instance, in the last question, LOW strength could be defined by one respondent as 0-250, but as 0-500 by another. The defined values for each range were ignored and only the labelled classification, LOW / MED / HIGH...etc., were used in tabulating the data for MIN / MAX / AVG values.