

## Bryan Petersen

I just want to say that this whole fee increase is ridiculous. Doubling the fee amount is more of a show of not managing the money properly than the costs to run the department efficiently. A five to maybe ten dollar increase might be understandable but doubling it is a joke. I have two Licenses currently in Idaho and pay less for both. I don't want to hear the wages are better here because they are catching up and fast in that category. Idaho has 3778 total operators 1664 are Waste Water alone. I don't have the numbers for WA but I will bet that its at least double. The last time Idaho changed their fees was in 2014 and guess what? It went from \$35 to \$30 yeah that's right they lowered the fee. I would like to know what exactly ecology does directly for the operator. If you are in charge of getting training for us that needs a lot of help. Classes are few and far between and seem to be the same damn classes over and over. Safety is important but we need more classes that are related to our everyday duties. Pump classes man hole repair things we do to make the shit flow. As you can see I'm not happy about this rate hike. Were most of these operators who were in this RAC group going to retire soon? Or were they folks that will be taking care of WA Waste Waters for years to come and possibly see another rate hike before they retire. I think this could have been a much different outcome than to put the burden on the hard working operators who are actually out here doing the dirty work.