

## Brian Macmanus

Thank you for considering my comments. For the record my name is Brian E. Macmanus, P.E. and I am a Class A licensed water operator and Class C licensed wastewater operator in the State of Texas. I am also a licensed professional engineer. I am employed by East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation in the Rio Grande Valley. In regard to water and wastewater treatment plant operators being required to undergo fingerprinting and a background check at a cost of \$40, I would like to recommend allowing operators with a license to carry (LTC) or an engineering license, which both require fingerprinting and background checks, to be exempted from the requirement to undergo another unnecessary background check. As a holder of an LTC, I can purchase a firearm without having to undergo a background check when I present my LTC card. I don't know why I should have to undergo fingerprinting and a background check to maintain my water or wastewater operating license, when it has already been accomplished through another state program. Please considering allowing previous state certifications or licensing that have already required an individual to undergo fingerprinting and a background check to suffice for the TCEQ requirement for licensed water and wastewater operation professionals.