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Your Comments or Concerns

Thank you for the time, effort, and resources devoted to your TCEQ Sunset Staff Report. Kerr County Conscience respectfully requests a second look at your recommendation for “continuation of the agency with a twelve-year review process”. The overwhelming majority of tax-paying Texans feel the TCEQ does not “perform admirably” as stated in your report. The behemoth TCEQ created by our legislature has strayed far from its mission statement as evidenced by biased permitting and industry support. Twelve years without accountability places the health and prosperity of all Texas residents at high risk. A six-year review is needed.

The damage the aggregate industry will cause to our air, land, and water in twelve years will be irreparable. The industry’s “NIMBY complaints” assertion is wrong: All Texans are paying taxes for road infrastructure and maintenance related to extra heavy load truck traffic, every citizen suffers as our air quality deteriorates, disregard for wildlife habitat destroys tourism revenue across the state (even though quarries enjoy wildlife tax exemptions). Our report of 1/31/22 provides insight into TCEQ’s failure to oversee our water even though the agency controls surface water permitting and pumping.

For APO’s neighbors, the sinus infections, nosebleeds, headaches, asthma attacks and breathing problems are real as are the related hospitalizations, medical care expenses, and recurring symptoms. The industry remains indifferent to the reality of living with 24/7 x 365 days nuisances of noise, lights, fugitive dust, and decreasing property values.

With a six-year review, the Sunset Commission will have enough time to review any good intentions and progress toward industry best management practices—the same mandated standards they adhere to in other states. Statewide stakeholders might see APO improvements. A twelve-year review allows the worst exploitation of our natural resources, including those materials exported to other states and to the international market.

Your Proposed Solution

Change TCEQ Sunset Review proposal to a six year interval. Twelve years is far too long without any accountability.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes