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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I review applications and reports for municipal solid waste landfills. The documents include important geoscientific data that are essential for knowing how to properly design, operate, and monitor a facility.

Having a requirement that geoscientific work be performed by a licensed geoscientist ensures that the investigator has the necessary geoscience education and experience, and will adhere to ethical standards to do the work competently. Requiring that geoscientists be licensed results in quality applications that help assure facilities will not become sources of future environmental problems and risk to the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue the regulation of professional geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree