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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:

My recommendation is for the TEXAS SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION to table the recommendation to abolish the STATE OF TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTIST until a similar review of licencing of petroleum engineers can be completed. I became a licensed geoscientist in Texas (#5676) in order to sign my own technical reports as a professional with equal credentials to a petroleum engineer or for that matter any registered engineer. Prior to registration I was required to have my reports signed by a licensed engineer making my profession subservient to equal professionals. The TBPG protects the citizens of Texas against Incompetent companies or individuals by making citizens aware of licensed professionals in the geosciences.

I have worked in the public sector as an expert in sand and gravel resources evaluation and also for reasons to defer plugging of wells with additional work over opportunities before the Texas Railroad Commission.

Respectfully submitted

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The TBPG should do a better job of advertising the benefits of employing a geoscientist for work in the public sector.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree