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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 am against abolishing the TBPG and against repeal of the Geoscience Practice Act.

I worked for 17 years as a senior investigator for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Edwards Aquifer Protection Program and nearly five years as the District Geologist for the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin. I have also taught college geology, environmental science and environmental regulations.

My main concern relates to assessment of subsurface voids. These holes in bedrock are natural hazards that can cause damage to roads and other infrastructure. Subsurface void assessment should continue to be made by competent licensed geoscientists who are trained in bedrock properties.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree