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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Cyrus

Last Name: Behseresht

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: TbPG

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City: Ther Woodlands

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I agree with the assessment submitted to the commission by the TBPG.

This state, has a significant and varied resources (beyond just oil & gas), and a unique assortment of very real issues associated with topography, building sites, weather and climate, along with a growing population. It therefore needs to have a reliable and dedicated system to ensure public safety and reliability of buildings, infrastructure, and public resources as related to geological issues. The TBPG statement goes into more detail on such issues. I'd like to state that though I tend to favor less government regulation, there is clearly a role for government in protection of the public with minimal intervention. Licensing of professionals, including Geoscientists makes sense from that perspective.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Should the board and licensing continue, you might consider requiring even grandfathered licensees to provide some sort of proof via board certification or examination, that they are indeed competent to provide professional opinions or advice on certain geological matters. Even though, I am a state licensee and a certified petroleum geologist, I would not be comfortable providing certain advice on surface contamination and remediation, or on surface stability issues. Most of us professionals know to limit ourselves to our areas of expertise, but if the public or other professions have concern over some professional geoscientists providing advice beyond their areas of expertise, additional post-license certifications may be a way of alleviating those concerns

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree