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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 1:22 PM  
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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 name is Stacy Boultinghouse. I am an environmental manager with experience in evaluating the risks posed by potentially impacts sites and contaminated groundwater. I support the continued licensure of Professional Geoscientists which I believe protects the public interest, specifically human health and the environment, by ensuring only qualified persons carry out the public practice of geoscience.

I have created a career out of the study and remediation of contaminated groundwater sites taking into account the potential risks to landowners and water well users. I further feel that the proper evaluation of the associated risks and management is best addressed by licensed geologic professionals with high standards and ethical code. Although professional engineers may also participate in this processes and provide their certifications, it is my opinion that subsurface contaminant issues are best addressed by geologists with hydrogeologic education/background/training.

Since the requirements for P.G. licensure and continuing education began, it seems that there has been substantial improvement in the quality of work performed by geoscientists in multiple industries in the State of Texas. According to the American Institute of Professional Geologists, 32 States in the U.S. register/license professional geoscientists and require licensees to maintain annual continuing education credits. In addition, 2 States have a Statutory Definition of a Professional Geoscientist and 7 States have partial regulation with respect to geological work.

(<http://www.aipg.org/certificationboards>)

The Sunset Advisory Commission report stated that "direct oversight of geoscientists' work provided by other state agencies' render the ongoing regulations of geoscientists unnecessary to protect the public." I disagree since I do not believe that the staff of the other agencies (i.e. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Railroad

Commission of Texas) are inherently qualified to review all geologic aspects of groundwater contamination risk assessments without proper training and equivalent licensure.

Thank you,  
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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continued oversight in the practice of geoscience.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree