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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:

Engineers rely on other professionals including PLS and PGs to execute work in accordance with State Engineering Practices. Per Texas Engineering Practice Act and Rules,

1001.004. Legislative Purpose and Intent; Liberal Construction of Chapter

(a) The legislature recognizes the vital impact that the rapid advance of knowledge of the mathematical, physical, and engineering sciences as applied in the practice of engineering has on the lives, property, economy, and security of state residents and the national defense.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to:

- (1) protect the public health, safety, and welfare;
- (2) enable the state and the public to identify persons authorized to practice engineering in this state; and
- (3) fix responsibility for work done or services or acts performed in the practice of engineering.

It is my opinion that the establishment, evaluation, and enforcement of standardized practices for any profession involved in public projects should not be viewed as a regulatory burden.

Sincerely,

Sean D. Collins, PE, MLE
16 August 2018

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

- 1) Recommend reducing or eliminating regulatory exemptions for practicing geoscientists.
- 2) Require that PG's pass the professional exam to maintain licensure and

dissolve the “grandfather” licenses by 2020.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree