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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 10:51 AM
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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 husband (now deceased) felt licensure was very important and advised on several Public Geology issues. There are too many uneducated and poorly-informed people advising landowners here in Southeast Texas and the ones who hired us were grateful for a Professional assessment. Some unscrupulous small independent oil companies, for example, have been ripping off landowners and one actually drilled and opened up a sinkhole that gobbled up a friend's pasture significantly. Had we been called in, we would have known it was dangerous. Flood control outfits after Hurricane Harvey have also hired me a couple of times for advice. I think it is important because Engineers, in general, asses from the surface, and Geologists are trained to asses what's underneath. Please do not discontinue this very important agency even though, now that I am 70 years old, I won't be able to participate as much. Either that, or require Engineers, to have knowledge of subsurface potential problems.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep it or require Civil Engineers to test for subsurface Geologic issues as well.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree