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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 8:10 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the Staff Report's Issue 1 conclusion that the TBPG does not have measurable benefit to public welfare and should be abolished. As a PG working on remediation projects, I see on a daily basis the harm that can be done to folks around Texas by environmental pollution, and how the careful, ethical work of PGs help to get sites cleaned up in cost effective, safe ways. The well being of thousands of Texans depends on qualified, competent individuals making the right professional judgments at sites around this state. The process of applying for a PG license, studying for the exams, and being mentored as a Geoscientist in Training helps each of us understand the gravity and ethical obligations that come with practicing geology for the public. That process taught me a lot as a young professional, and I think it has value even if there are not concrete examples of the TBPG enforcement process catching terrible malpractice violations. By creating a community in the profession where those with licenses have pressure to maintain high levels of integrity, the standard of work done by PGs is elevated.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The SAC could recommend removing exemptions for oil and gas geologists, and mining geologists to reduce the population of geoscientists practicing in Texas who are not currently licensed if the SAC feels a larger percentage of geoscientists should be licensed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree