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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

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Organization you are affiliated with: Basin Environmental Services Technologies LLC doing business as Etech Environmental and Safety Solutions, Inc. due to merger

Email:

City: Lovington

State: New Mexico

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am a Texas registered Professional Geoscientist. License # 10886.

I support the continuance of licensure for Professional Geoscientists in the State of Texas.

The reason I support the continuance of state licensure is that many other states also have professional geoscience licensure requirements and offer reciprocity with the State of Texas. This facilitates the ease of moving from state to state for work requirements with an employer who has work in multiple states. Further, many functions of the professional geoscientist are specific to the discipline of geology, not engineering. Were professional geoscientist licensure to go away, many of the functions of the geoscience discipline would likely fall to engineers who are not formally trained in many areas of the discipline.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

There are things I do not like about the requirements for Texas licensure.

The annual license renewal fee is excessive. It is over four times greater than what I paid in other states to retain a Geologist or Geoscientist license. Also, the continuing education requirements to maintain licensure in Texas are excessive, unnecessary and place an additional burden on the time and resources of each licensee.

Most active geoscientists practice the discipline every day and don't need to delve into areas that are of passing interest but may never have any practical use specific to the activities performed by the geoscientist on a daily basis.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree