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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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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As the General Manager of a GCD who engages the services of a liscenced geoscientists, I see value in having a regulatory agency for this profession and do not support the abolishment of the agency. Work performed by a liscensed professional is required in various circumstances and if Texas can not provide an agency to issue a liscense then these contracts will be serviced by liscensed professionals from another state. The work we need done is best served by a geologist and we require them to be liscensed and insured. Without regulation the cost of insurance for them will likely increase and that cost will be passed to the customers who then pass this cost to the tax payers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: this agency should be provided the same opportunity to address any operational deficiencies that has plagued numerous State Agencies in the past such as TDLR and TX RRC.

Lack of complaints from TCEQ could be viewed as a measure of compliance due to a very competitive market. The lack of complaints from municipalities is likely tied to compliance with other agencies such as TCEQ. As the demand for services from geologists increase over time the percent of exempt geoscientists will decline.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree