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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:

While the report does make valid points, it fails to recognize the correct role of the TCEQ and RRC as regulatory agencies. The TCEQ and RRC does review and make suggestions on geoscience reports; however, it does not review field procedures and methods that protect human health. Without licensure, individuals could potentially make field decisions that impact human health without any enforcement. (i.e. submitting a report showing no contamination but in reality an individual is drinking contaminated groundwater and developing cancer). Unregistered Geoscientists could potentially violate ethic laws and receive no enforcement action.

The report states the low number of complaints about human health, however most humans do not know they are being harmed to be able to report any violation. (I.e benzene in drinking water, low levels undetectable to the human nose and taste).

While I agree the general public is not the direct consumer of geoscience work, the goal of the environmental industry is still to protect human health regardless if the citizens are paying for the cleanup. I believe the TBPG is doing a good job of supporting this mission and to define a minimum standard for geoscience work.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Allow the TBPG to remain as a functioning agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree