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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 11:28 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:

The existence of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists ensures that all licensed professional geoscientists practice within the most consistent and best available standards of practice, not only in Texas, but in all other states that utilize similar licensing programs and offer reciprocity. The program sets the standard expectations for educational backgrounds and work experience, prior to receiving a license. The program also safeguards the ethical responsibilities of professional geoscientists by holding professional geoscientists accountable for their professional decisions and work products, which includes all 78% of licensees that were grandfathered into the program.

Furthermore, to suggest that the "state regulation of geoscience," and all that entails, is "unnecessary to protect the public" is a false statement.

Within the environmental consulting field, I know first-hand that professional geoscientists review and authorize decisions made regarding the extent of impacted groundwater, soil, or surface water, which, if mistaken, could leave unsuspecting receptors (e.g., people, ecology) in danger of unsafe exposures to contaminants. Geology controls everything when it comes to contaminant migration in the subsurface; therefore, it is vital for the protection of the public that the extent and flow path of contamination be as accurate as possible. And, this is just ONE example.

Therefore, the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists is necessary to ensure professional integrity, respect, and accountability, across ALL geoscientists, regardless of whether a particular geological field requires its geoscientists to obtain a professional license.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do NOT abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and do NOT repeal the Texas Geoscience Practice Act.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree