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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 a professional engineer (P.E.), I oppose the staff's recommendation to eliminate the licensure of geoscientists. No other profession provides similar expertise as geoscientists, and their knowledge of subsurface conditions is vital to construction projects, especially large projects where complex geologic conditions are more likely. Therefore, such large projects are more likely to impact public safety and the environment simply because the number of public users of large projects is relatively great. Geoscientists played an important role in the geotechnical investigation for the Tarrant Regional Water District's Integrated Pipeline (IPL) Project. Their knowledge of geology and depositional processes greatly assisted in the gathering of field data that facilitated design and construction of the 9-ft diameter pipeline that will provide water to the DFW area from 3 lakes east and southeast of Dallas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would recommend that the licensure of geoscientists remain unchanged.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree