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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: I am a licensed Geoscientist in Training (GIT) and have been pursuing my Professional Geoscientist (PG) license for several years and I oppose abolishing the TBPG. The TBPG establishes important standards for performing for profit geoscience services in the State of Texas where protection of the health and safety of the public is at risk. There are presently no other governing entities that can enact recourse for individuals or firms involved in unethical or negligent practice of geoscience work.

Governing entities reviewing geoscience work evaluate compliance with laws only, they do not have the ability to evaluate competency or ethics of individuals and firms or provide recourse for substandard services. The standard and level of care for geoscience work products in the geoscience field has increased as a result of the education, testing, continuing education, and ethics requirements established by the TBPG. Absence of this body would result in reduced quality of geoscience service and increased threat to human health and safety. Records of low enforcement does not translate to a need to abolish the TBPG in the same respect that low convictions of crime would not necessitate the need to abolish courts.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Gaps in public protection by offering grandfathering and exemptions can be addressed through revised rules by the TBPG. The TBPG has the capability to self-fund as they have in the past and should be given an opportunity to construct a self-sustaining model for operating, which can likely to be accomplished in a similar manner as they operate at this time.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree