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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:

Dear Sunset Committee,

I am writing in response to your recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG). I disagree with your findings that the TBPG is not needed to protect the public. Without licensed Professional Geoscientists and Geoscientist Firms there is no means of quality control for individuals or companies performing geoscience. During the past 22 years of my environmental consulting career I have seen the environmental consulting industry before and after the existence of the TBPG. Prior to the TBPG, there were so many companies performing environmental assessment and cleanup work who were less than qualified and the work they performed was inadequate and posed a threat to public health and the environment. Following the implementation of the TBPG, many of the poor quality companies had to either hire more qualified personnel or close business. Thus the quality of work has improved and thus the threat to public health has lessened. Additionally, I find that many of my projects involve cleaning up poor quality work that was performed prior to the implementation of the TBPG and in doing so helping to protect public health and the environment.

In conclusion, my request is to keep the TBPG active in order to protect public health.

Thank You,

Darrell R. Maudlin, P.G.
Houston, Texas

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree