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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:

The authors of the Staff Report do not have an understanding of why rivers flood, landslides happen, dams fail, tunnels are designed, bridges fall down, sinkholes occur, earthquakes occur or contaminated groundwater is tracked and cleaned up. Please note that floods are devastating property and taking lives all over world on a daily basis and especially in Texas. If a plan for designing a flood control project does not have the correct engineering geology, hydrogeologic and geomorphological input it will fail and people will die.

Texas flooding is in the news currently.

If an oil geologists makes a mistake he cost the oil company money. If an engineering geologists makes a mistake it could cost lives.

That is the very essence of registration-- to protect lives and property.

The Staff Report is based on flawed data and a lack of knowledge of geotechnical principles by the Staff.

I am definitely opposed to the Staff recommendations.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Reconsider the recommendations after input from the geotechnical community. Incorporate data that is in perspective and shows that lives and property were saved by geotechnical input from registered geologists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree