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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 oppose the conclusion of the staff report, abolishing the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, due to the need for regulation of people doing geoscience work. The board is very thorough in it's vetting of new applicants, ensuring that all licensed PGs are qualified (not including the grandfathered licenses that will issued less and less as time goes on).

Abolishing the TBPG will also create a need for re-writing the state contracts that include PG qualifications in the pay items. Furthermore, abolishing the TBPG will undo the progress that has been made in standardizing licencing requirements for geoscience across the US.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No changes recommended.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree