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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 strongly oppose the recommendation of the Staff Report to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. I also question the logic and rationale of the Staff's findings. The Report states that the recommendation does not diminish the importance of geoscience (in the public realm) but thinks that regulation of the individuals performing the work is not important. There was (since 2001) a clear mandate for qualified geoscientists to conduct specialized services for the protection of human health and the environment.

The PG Board has served, and continues to serve, the function of regulating and governing our profession and at no cost to the public.

The PG Board is young in comparison to the PE Board and in time the number of PG license holders will moderate. I recall there was quite a rush to provide the required information to be grandfathered. I worked as a geologist in the exploration branch for several years before working as an environmental geologist. I learned quickly that the threat of contaminants already in our environment was a clear and present danger to human (public) health and the environment.

If the PG Board is abolished, it is scary to think that just about anyone could be making decisions about the many contaminant assessments that are done in this state. Then you will have a public outcry on your hands.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the PG Board be more active in promoting the function and service of geoscientists in the public realm. People would be surprised of the many ways we are involved in the preservation and conservation of our environment.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree