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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:

1. The process of "grandfathering" does not indicate lack of experience or competence as stated in the report. The TBPG had specific requirements to be licensed. Geoscientists were not granted licenses just because they applied.

It was necessary to demonstrate educational background, relevant experience in geoscience and submit personal references.

2. Not noted in the report is that the Railroad Commission and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and other State agencies require that geoscientists must demonstrate their competence with Board certification before their work is accepted by those agencies. Other agencies may claim geoscience capabilities for their registrants but neither their testing, educational nor experience requirements demonstrate equivalent competence in geoscience.

3. The State of Texas does not operate in a vacuum as indicated in the report. It is necessary that the TBPG work together with other states to demonstrate the competency of their certified registrants if they are to work in Texas or cooperating states.

4. The small number of only minor enforcement actions may also demonstrate the effectiveness of the TBPG in discouraging or preventing violations of the act.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree