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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 4:55 PM
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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 would like to provide an example of the Professional Geoscientist licensing providing a benefit to the public.

I was working for the non-profit Water Quest, Inc. providing drill-site geologic oversight for a deep Capitan Reef aquifer exploratory monitoring water well for the City of Fort Stockton funded by the City of Odessa, in 2013. The project manager was relentlessly pressuring for me to give a recommendation to log and set casing before top of aquifer had been achieved.

The pressuring for a bad recommendation did not stop until I explained that because of threat of losing my license I could not recommend stopping. I had to explain drill cuttings indicated we had not drilled into the appropriate formation. I also had to explain that if he replaced me that he would not find a licensed hydrogeologist that would make the recommendation to stop and set casing before achieving the appropriate formation. The estimated cost to the City of Odessa for the drilling rig standby time was \$65,000. That amount would have been accrued, if the hole had been logged (as it turned out over 200 feet short) before drilling resumed to the appropriate depth.

Sincerely,
Darrell S. Peckham

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

To improve licensure as the best way of ensuring good performance. I would like to recommend that State of Texas agencies which have professional geoscientists and receive sealed P.G. work be required to have a minimum standards review committee. The committee would consist of agency geoscientists. The committee's charge would be to review all submitted sealed material and make a recommendation for the agency to forward sealed material to the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, if the work is found deficient to meet minimum professional

standards protecting public welfare.

An increased threat of license revocation would hopefully continue to encourage professional standards are met to protect public welfare.

Sincerely,
Darrell S. Peckham

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree