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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:

Regarding the question as if there is any public benefit to the licensing of professional geoscientists:

It has been noted by myself that the best planning and reporting of geoscience for a long project has occurred with the use of geoscientists with the most years of experience. Less mistakes have generally occurred and less questions have arisen when a geoscientist with quite a number of years behind them has taken charge of work instead of the geoscientist that has just barely obtained licensure in the state. I can only surmise that if the requirement for a licensed Professional Geoscientist is taken away, that anyone, even without adequate education or experience, would be able to oversee work and technical reports. Clients in the private world could then be obtaining substandard work without their knowledge beforehand. And in some instances, having an adequate work product is of more importance than the cost of the work product. If it turns out the work product is inadequate when reviewed by other parties' professionals, or upon state agency review, then the work would have to be re-done, thereby jeopardizing the timely redevelopment of a property, the timely start of construction activities, or the timely sale of a property.

From a state agency perspective, the submittal of inadequate geoscience work documentation at the first attempt ties up valuable state staff time and resources when a second or subsequent submittals are attempted. From an efficiency standpoint, getting things right the first time around easily is seen as a win-win for any and all stakeholders involved.

Licensure of professional geoscientists would thus seem to be the best way of ensuring adequate performance.
Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree