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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 to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. Many states around the United States have Professional Geologist certifications. Removing the Professional Geoscientist (PG) opportunity is a great disservice to all geoscientists, especially those not working in the Oil and Gas Sector. Many Geology jobs that are not Oil and Gas related require applicants to have their PG certification to apply. With the downturn of oil prices in 2014, many geologists found themselves out of work and looking for non Oil & Gas related geoscientist work... pursuing or having a PG during this process was key to quicker re-entry into the work force after being laid off.

Once again, I strongly OPPOSE the recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. The abolition would be a disservice to many of Texans for years to come.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree