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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
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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: Opposed- the certification of professionals (scientists and engineers) is important for long-term health of the public and the prevention of incompetent individuals working on roads, bridges, buildings, water/sewage disposal, and other public works. The system of accreditation exists to prevent individuals without appropriate experience and knowledge from practicing geoscience in a space that will impact the public. Graduating with a degree is one minor step in the process of becoming competent in a field- the accreditation process confirms that the individual scientist in question will not make a decision resulting in damage or harm to the public or the environment.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The Sunset Comission notes a high number of PG's are grandfathered- that number will drop dramatically in the next decades due to natural causes, but if it is a cause for concern the TBPG may request the grandfathered individuals take and pass the ASBOG for consistency within the membership. The commission may also make a PG license a requirement to compete for any government contract.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree