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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I battled against having a "licensed" geologist/geophysicist statue then changed and worked for it mainly for environmental geol/geoph. After we got the "professional" statue, I joined by being "grandfathered" in. Now I'm mostly retired and doing some work on a retainer for Hurd.

Can't imagine any reason to get rid of this after all the blood, sweat and tears it took to get it in the first place. There are times even in oil and gas exploration when it helps to have the professional designation.

Hopefully, we can keep this designation for those who want it and understand that it is basically a net neutral on cost.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Highly recommend that if it is working, then don't fix it. There is plenty of waste in government, but this is not one of those areas. Particularly when presenting your work before state agencies, it is very helpful that commission members are aware that you are certified.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree