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Dear Morgan Constantino:

The Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) has employed certified professional geologists from the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) since the creation of TBPG. TRA's mission is "to promote conservation reclamation, protection and development of the natural resources of the Trinity River basin for the benefit of the public". Compromising or eliminating the Professional Geoscientists (P.G.) licensure will impact the citizens of Texas that we serve and the environment.

Sealed TBPG documents are required for Capital Improvement Projects. It is critical for TRA to have highly qualified and professionally liable geoscientists to assist TRA to continue serving Texans and complete this stated mission. TRA believes the importance of TBPG geologist ability to interpret complex subsurface geology to depths exceeding 4,000 feet, interpret fault locations and offsets, study subsidence issues in the county, calculate groundwater availability, build predictive and 3D geological groundwater models, provide professional litigation support, determine subsurface geological sources of contamination and provide professional counsel to TRA's manager and Board members. Professional engineers do not have experience nor the professional skill sets to complete these tasks.

The removal of the TBPG would lead to the probable deterioration of the quality of reports and encourage TRA and other Public agencies to hire professional geologists from other states.

Please contact me via email at ramirez@trinityra.org if you need additional information.

Thank you for your time.

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