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Since the great tragedy of the New London school back in 1937, from 1939 on the estate of Texas started the regulation of the engineering professional activities which has been maintained so far through the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and this regulation is equally maintained through same organizations through the whole country.

These controls and regulations have worked very well so far, protecting the public from bad professional practices and lack of ethic of many individuals and companies.

There is no difference in the professional practice between geological sciences namely geology, geophysics with all theirs different applications and engineering because all of them are carried out by humans with very different cognitive aptitudes, level of academic preparation, skills, experience and responsibilities to the public. The government of any state must look after the citizen security and well being protecting every citizen from bad engineering practices and lack of professional ethic, which is exactly the actual functions of these two Texas Government Agencies: The Texas Board of Professional Engineers (TBPE) and the Texas Board of Professional Geocientists (TBPG).

The functions of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientist (TBPG) must be maintained for ever since many human activities must be regulated, like transit, all the health care spectrum, journalism, etc.

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