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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: I oppose the recommendations defined in the staff report. The Texas Board of Registered Professional Geoscientists serves several beneficial purposes for the benefit of the public being individuals, corporations, and Texas entities such as Texas Department of Transportation. As noted many original members were grandfathered as practicing geologists whose credentials were verified by education and years of experience, so the focus should be on those becoming registered after that phase ended. The Board has disciplined and evaluated those who have practiced geology without a license and those who have failed to perform appropriately. The sunset staff and its report wants to punish and abolish an agency based upon the fact that its registered members tend to abide by the law and perform their services in compliance with their registration and Texas and US Laws . Even with limited requirements to apply based upon the law (exempting those providing geological services regarding mining and oil and gas) well over 6,000 individuals and companies applied and became registered. A lot of environmental cleanup and TCEQ permit application submittals are handled by Registered Geologists who meet the defined qualifications as well as ethical and continuing education requirements. The damage to the environment and the financial industry that can be done by unscrupulous individuals should not be left unregulated. Sincerely, William F. Rapier, TXBRPG#5130, AAPG #292964; AIPG-CPG#6759, LABRPG #880; MSBRPG#0617 and SME#4141886

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas Board of Registered Professional Geoscientists should continue beyond 2019.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree