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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 disagree with the assessment that the P.G. license is not protective of human health and safety. I work in the environmental field, and accurate geologic analysis by a qualified geologist is imperative to protecting human health and safety. In my field, this is accurate analysis of geologic strata and groundwater characteristics so that the risks to human health and safety can be most accurately assessed. Outside of my field, there are slope stability issues (see recent news about landslides in the San Antonio area), karst issues, pipeline safety, etc. As to your assertion that nearly half of geologists are not currently licensed, petroleum geologists are not required to have a license since their analyses are very deep and do not impact human health and safety in the same way as near-surface environmental impacts. Thus, that conclusion is very misleading. A professional geoscientist licensing program is absolutely critical to protecting human health and safety in Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree