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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:

This letter is a response and opposition based on the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report recommending the abolishment of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Review of the Report indicated a clear misunderstanding of the nature and importance of the work provided by geoscientists in the environmental industry. Geoscientists provide detailed reports and recommendations regarding the quality and impact to groundwater, soil, sediment, surface water, and air. The TCEQ and RRC rely on these findings and recommendations to make decisions in moving forward with the cleanup or closure of an affected site. The TBPG provides this trust through ensuring the professional has the educational background, continuing education, and ethics warranted to provide accurate and honest data and recommendations. By stating that geoscientists have "no measurable impact on public protection," the Staff Report indicates no understanding of the above importance of geoscientists in the environmental profession. Without the oversight and accountability provided by the TBPG, the potential for unqualified and/or dishonest data and recommendations that could potentially have an impact on public protection rises significantly. To ensure public health and protection, I recommend the continuation of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Without the oversight and accountability provided by the TBPG, the potential for unqualified and/or dishonest data and recommendations that could potentially have an impact on public protection rises significantly. To ensure public health and protection, I recommend the continuation of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree