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Agency: RAILROAD COMMISSION TEXAS RRC

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I live in Irving, TX which has seen the brunt of hundreds of earthquakes since 2008. Fellow residents and I have repeatedly e-mailed the TX RRC to intervene and investigate our earthquakes. We asked for a moratorium to be placed on the nearest operational injection well at the DFW airport and an investigation to ensue. Our letters and e-mails to this agency went largely unanswered. Occasionally a TX RRC reply form letter was mailed with the remark "your complaint has been logged in our system".

To date, that is the only action ever taken by this agency on the hundreds of suspected man-made earthquakes that have occurred in the DFW area. Residents are furious and outraged they must foot the bill for property damages caused by these quakes and are angry their personal safety is not a priority despite the fact it is written in the TX RRC mission statement. I recommend a complete overhaul of this agency. Please view the list below.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

1. Name Change (Agency has nothing to do with Railroads)
2. Oversight of Water should belong to one agency not split into above ground = TCEQ and below ground = RRC. Water should all be under supervision of TCEQ.
3. The talking points of the RRC are identical to the talking points of the American Petroleum Institute. This agency is supposed to provide oversight for O & G and coal and be an intermediary between Texas residents and these industries. Their job is to ensure these industries are operating safely and within established state and federal guidelines, that they prioritize public safety during the process, and protect the quality of our natural resources. The TX RRC should be somewhere toward the middle on a continuum between the desires of Texas residents and the goals of the industry. The fact that they perfectly align with the industry they are supposed to oversee is the crux of the problem.
4. TX RRC seismologist, Dr. David Craig Pearson, should be dismissed. He has only written a one-page position paper since taking office. The TX RRC should rely on the plethora of peer-reviewed science readily available on man-made earthquakes. His salary is a waste of taxpayer money.
5. The agency should prioritize protecting people and natural resources first and the economics around the industry second. We all want a thriving Texas economy, but not be at the expense of Texas residents and their natural

resources.

6. Agency should be aligned with other states regarding man-made earthquakes. When a quake swarm appears, there should be a mandatory moratorium on injection wells within a pre-determined distance (example: 50 miles) until investigation is completed.

7. The 4.0 magnitude threshold for investigating quakes is too high.

Residents in the DFW area have had costly damage to homes and businesses at far lower magnitudes. Man-made earthquakes are closer to the surface and cause more damage at lower magnitudes. Many states use a 2.0 magnitude threshold for investigation. I believe 2.0 is the appropriate threshold and should be adopted by the TX RRC.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree