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Sunset Advisory Commission

Ref: Texas Onsite Wastewater Treatment Research Council

On behalf of TOWA and our Members I am asking that you change your recommendation to dissolve the TOWTRC. The fees that are collected which fund this group and the grants they award are derived from taxpaying Texans and should not be placed in the hands of a government agency to administer.

Having served a term on the Council myself I am very familiar with the good work they have done, and continue to do for our industry. The Council represents a very broad cross section of Texas citizens all of whom have an interest in onsite wastewater. These are professionals in their various fields and in TOWA's opinion are better equipped to administer the grants than TCEQ. The council members spend their time in the field and interact with people who use onsite systems. This gives them a much better perspective on what the needs are in our industry. The TCEQ is a fine agency and a benefit to Texas but the decision makers spend most of their time in offices not out in the field.

I have been in the Onsite industry since 1978 and am a Registered Sanitarian, hold licenses as an Installer II, Site Evaluator and a Maintenance Provider. I speak with over thirty years of experience in this industry and I can assure you that if the Council is dissolved and the fees collected that fund them are diverted to TCEQ there are going to be thousands of unhappy onsite professionals in Texas.

Again TOWA is respectfully asking that your group reconsider your recommendations.

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