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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 8:46 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Cherie

Last Name: Telker

Title: Senior Geologist

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or  
Opposed:

I oppose the abolishment of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and the repeal of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act.

Early in my career as an environmental geologist, a client attempted to bribe me to not take contaminated soil and groundwater samples and to falsify the location of clean ones. I refused to compromise my ethics, of course, but what if I had given into the pressure to make the contaminated property appear uncontaminated? If I had been unethical and it was discovered, the state licensing board would have been able to revoke my license to practice geology to prevent me from putting public health at risk again. Without professional licensing, there's not an easy way to do that.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Rather than abolish and repeal, I support the expansion of the law to include the licensing of certain geoscientists in oil and gas, as well. How is drilling a hole miles deep, including through shallow aquifers used for drinking water, not important to the public health?

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree