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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 strongly favor the sunseting of the TBPG as I believe it provides little to no benefit to the profession of geologists and has become solely a mechanism to tax members of the profession. I held a TBPG License (3987) but dropped it when the fees kept rising and saw no benefit from the license. I currently hold a certification from the AAPG (CPG # 5239) which firmly establishes my credibility and status in the profession.

I have more than 40 years of experience in the profession, have generated petitions for the TNRCC and EPA for exemptions to the Clean Water Act and testified as a geologist expert in Texas State Court, US Federal Court and Hague Tribunal cases. None of this has required TBPG licensing.

Additionally, I believe the TBPG does little or nothing to promote or enforce ethical standards in the profession other than requiring on-line training that does not elevate the standards of the profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree