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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:13 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
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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: The requirement that site assessment reports be prepared by professional geoscientists has probably been reasonably effective in reducing the number of inaccurate and misleading site investigations that have been submitted to the TCEQ. Problems have been found and addressed rather than being overlooked. Fewer people are exposed to contaminated soil and groundwater than would otherwise be the case. However, it's very difficult to quantify the risk or harm to the public that did not occur because the investigation work was performed by geologists that were qualified by training and experience, rather than by less knowledgeable individuals. In my view, the degree of risk reduction to the public associated with the performance of site investigations by professional geoscientists has been substantial.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists be retained and not abolished.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree