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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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City: Dallas

State: Texas

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

License # 11410 Exp 12/31/2018

Good morning,

I received my license from the TBPG in 2016 and have worked fairly hard at passing the examination to receive my licensure. Though I do not argue against the Sunset reviews finding, I would emphasize that the review summary did not place enough emphasis on public protection nor quality of work generated by licensed P.G.'s.

At the City of Dallas, we are in charge of many contracts and vendors who provide services ranging from soil, groundwater, air sampling to remediation activities, hydrogeological studies, and groundwater studies. As part of the City's requirements to provide this service, our city ordinances have built in language that a vendor must have a licensed professional geoscientist who adheres to guidelines to provide factual data, protection of human health and the environment, and have professional moral/ethical obligations. By dissolving this board as well as the p.g. requirements, the City is put into an awkward position of utilizing vendors who may not have the educational or professional background in providing the citizens of Dallas reliable factual data with moral and ethical implications.

Personally, the P.G. licensure ensures industry standards are set, moral and ethical obligations are a standard, and knowing full well a licensed P.G.

will conduct their business in the utmost professional manner. I have a moral and ethical obligation with my licensure to provide the citizens of Dallas the best service through scientific data analysis as I can. By dissolving this license, the public will become desensitized and weary of public servants with no professional licensure. I believe that the TBPG provides a monetary value to the State of Texas, albeit little compared to other large programs such as SNAP or TDSHS. None the less, this board provides a service that many private and local municipalities rely upon to ensure work is conducted in a manner that is both professional and service oriented.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Instead of dissolving the TBPG, a overhaul of how the agency works and operates. If more processes need to be in place to ensure compliance with the board's guidelines of professional moral and ethical statutes need to be in place, lawmakers should work towards finding a goal.

If the TBPG does not survive the sunset Sept 2019, a replacement agency where current licensed P.G's should be created so citizens, local municipalities, and private industry can still rely on the professionalism P.G.'s provide.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree