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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 1:39 PM
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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 disagree with the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission staff recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and licensed P.G.s.

As a P.G., I understand the importance of accurately describing site lithology and the characteristics of the water bearing zones to understand fate and transport of contaminants in groundwater. In addition it is extremely important to properly identifying water bearing zones and confining units between the zones in order to determine that public water supplies, surface waters or private water wells will not be impacted by known contamination. Assertions regarding public safety and our environment should not be made by individuals that do not have the qualifications to make these determinations.

In addition, work regarding public safety and the environment in relation to geologic and hydrologic interpretation must stand up in court, so a P.G. must seal it.

Sincerely,
Shelia Ward

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The P.G. as it is should remain in place.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree