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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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City: Humble

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The PG licensing program is an important one, and ensures minimum qualifications for those engaged in remediation of contaminated sites. The program also ensures uniformity between states, which is an important consideration, since this type of work is not restricted to a single state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists can more efficiently manage the process of vetting qualifications for geoscientists than a more generic agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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

I object to eliminating the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists on the following grounds:

One TBPG function is to administer the PG licensure in the State of Texas.

In this regard, TBPG ensures that the individuals applying for licensure or certification in the state of Texas as Professional Geoscientists ("PG") or Geoscientists-in-Training ("GIT") meet the minimum licensing and certification requirements set forth in the Texas Geoscience Practice Act ("Geoscience Act"). Without TBPG, this cannot be done. As this is an essential function for the licensing of PGs and protection of the public, keeping the TBPG intact is necessary.

One TBPG function is to ensure that only qualified and duly licensed PGs offer and perform non-exempt professional geoscience services for the public in Texas. If you want to eliminate a function of TBPG, eliminate this one, and let the agencies who review geoscience work ensure that work performed is prepared by adequately credentialed individuals.

One TBPG function is to provide information to the general public. Though not a vital function, it is nonetheless important, especially in this day and age when so much disinformation is spread through popular media.

The effectiveness of TPG is proven in the number of individuals who have been licensed as PGs, and in the number of other states who offer comity licensure because of the high standards upheld by TBPG. Without the TBPG licensing program, professionals in the state of Texas are at a competitive disadvantage to similar professionals in states where a licensing program is maintained.

TBPG plays an important role in educating professionals, clients, and the general public in matters of professional ethics. Without the TBPG, an important voice is lost, and the public is left unprotected.

Without TBPG, there will be no person or agency in the state of Texas to administer the qualifying examinations necessary for licensure.

Eliminating the TBPG, and PG licensure in the state of Texas is a bad idea.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the TBPG. Keep the PG license. Reduce the most restrictive aspects of requiriung a PG lincense instead.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree