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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the recommendation of the Sunset Commission Staff that the Department of State Health Services no longer regulate Mold Assessors and Mold Remediators in Texas. The abuses that lead to the passage of the Mold Assessment and Remediation Rules over a decade ago may not have been known to the staff members involved in preparing the report. We know from the actions of some non-licensed "private sector" mold assessors/remediators following flooding events associated with Hurricanes Rita, Hurricane Ike, and Hill Country rains in the intervening years, that without regulatory oversight from the DSHS, when water and mold return so do fear mongers and unethical contractors that prey on the flood victims. With the unique environment we have here in Texas, mold growth will always be a pose the potential to cause allergy or asthma problems affecting public health, especially that of children, the aged or the infirmed. If for no other reason, it should remain a responsibility of the DSHS to license and regulate Mold Assessors and Remediators in order to protect the health of these Texans most at risk and unable to protect themselves.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would like to recommend that the Texas Environmental Lead Reduction Rules be revised to allow the DSHS to take on the responsibility of overseeing the enforcement of the US Environmental Protection Agency's Renovation, Repair and Painting Final Rule. The subsequent licensing fees required of Lead Renovator Firms in Texas could help offset some of the loss of revenue to the DSHS outlined in the Sunset Commission Staff's report.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree