



Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

Good afternoon:

You are being sent this quarterly e-mail update because you are licensed by TBPG or have expressed interest in TBPG activity in the past.

TBPG held its regularly scheduled Board Meeting on April 19, 2013. Here are the highlights:

1) Two new Board Members were appointed and one Board Member was reappointed by Governor Rick Perry, and were approved by the Senate. Congratulations to newly appointed Board Members Joseph P. DeWoody and W. David Prescott, II, P.G., and reappointed Board Member Charles Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Ph.D. For more information, please read TBPG's [News Release](#).

On a similar note, TBPG would like to recognize the contributions of outgoing Board Members Ron Kitchens and Barbara Roeling, P.G. We have enjoyed working with them, and we appreciate their time and contributions to TBPG and its mission. *Thank you!*

2) Four amendments were proposed which have been published in the **May 24, 2013** issue of the [Texas Register](#), and are posted on the TBPG website:

- **851.20**, regarding the P.G. Licensing Requirements and Application Procedure, an amendment was proposed to remove language from this section and incorporate the removed language into section 851.28.
- **851.28**, regarding P.G. License Renewal and Reinstatement, an amendment was proposed to clarify the language and process by which a P.G. license is renewed. It clarifies that a P.G. license is eligible to be renewed for up to three years after the license is expired. It clarifies that the first renewal of a P.G. license will be prorated to correspond with the license holder's birth month. It also specifies that a P.G. license that is renewed more than sixty days after its expiration date will incur a late penalty fee.
- **851.32**, regarding the Continuing Education Program, an amendment was proposed to clarify the continuing education requirements for a license that has been

renewed for less than one year.

- **851.156**, regarding a P.G. seal, an amendment was proposed to clarify the P.G. seal requirement when using an electronically-generated seal.

Public comments on the proposed amendments are welcome.

Please submit all comments in writing to TBPG at P O Box 13225, Austin, TX 78711, or by [e-mail](#) before **June 24, 2013**. All public comments received during the public comment period regarding the proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Board at its next Board meeting.

3) Two amendments were adopted and have been posted to the [Texas Register](#), becoming effective **June 1, 2013**:

- **851.30**, regarding Firm Registration, an amendment was adopted to clarify the requirement that a P.G. who performs or supervises the geoscience work for a Geoscience Firm must be an employee of the firm.
- **851.152**, regarding Firm Compliance, an amendment was adopted to clarify the requirement that a firm that offers or is engaged in the non-exempt public practice of geoscience in Texas must be registered with the Board.

4) The legislative session ended on May 27, 2013. [Senate Bill 138](#), which would amend the Texas Geoscience Practice Act and streamline TBPG's enforcement program was passed in both chambers and sent to Governor Perry.

5) The next Board meeting is scheduled on August 9, 2013, in Austin, Texas.

Sincerely,

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