

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**  
**2017-2018 Agency Review of Existing Rules**  
**Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists**  
**Under Texas Government Code – Administrative Procedures Act – Sec. 2001.039**

- Rules should be **consistent** with the **Texas Geoscience Practice Act** and **necessary** for the **performance** of the **Board’s duties** (from **TGPA §1002.151**)
- **Reasons** for the rule must still exist (from **Texas Government Code §2001.039**)
- Rules should have **clarity** (**TBPG Board**)
- Rules should have the ability to be **consistently applied** and be **enforceable** (**TBPG Board**)
- **Participation** in the process from **all stakeholders** (Board, agency staff, licensees, public) is encouraged and multiple resources should be used to elicit participation (**TBPG Board**)
- Rules should include **statutory obligations** and **duties of the TBPG** to the extent it is necessary (**TBPG Board**)
- TBPG Rules should **clearly distinguish activities** that may be **performed by the agency** versus activities that **must be performed by the Board** (**TBPG Board**)