

TBPG Advisory Opinion Request Form Instructions

An Advisory Opinion is a formal, written interpretation of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act endorsed by the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. A typical request is in the form of a question. Along with the question, please provide additional information that will aid the Board in the analysis of the request. Additionally, please provide contact information for interested individuals or parties who might assist the Board in the research necessary for a thorough Advisory Opinion.

What happens once I submit the form?

The request will be evaluated and staff may need additional information or clarification, if necessary. Please ensure that your contact information is correct. Once the request is understood and it appears that an interpretation of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act is needed to answer the request, a meeting of the appropriate committee will be scheduled. The committee will meet in an open public meeting and will vote on the next action to be taken with the request. The committee may accept the request and assign a Board member to act as a liaison between staff and the committee to research the request and seek an answer. The committee may also reject the request, or decide that there is sufficient information in the statute and rules for the committee to answer the request. For most Advisory Opinion requests, once the request has been accepted by the committee, meetings may be organized to facilitate technical input regarding the request and aid the Board in formulating a draft Advisory Opinion. The committee may assign one of its members as a liaison to work closely with staff to develop a draft opinion. The draft opinion will be reviewed and revised by the committee until a satisfactory answer to the request has been reached. Once the committee accepts the draft Advisory Opinion, the full Board will discuss and vote on acceptance of the Advisory Opinion at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. It is important that the requestor and other interested parties participate fully in the process to answer questions and ensure that all necessary information is provided to the committee.