

Amy Leuders
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115
February 13, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders:

I am filing this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) planned April 20, 2016 oil and gas lease sale and Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-EA, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3.

proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake, Texas.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself. My name, residence and contact information are:

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I am a property owner who lives near the lake. I enjoy walks along the Lake shore and support and spend time at the Lake Lewisville Learning Area. The city water comes from the Lake and I have water well that I use for both landscape and vegetable garden irrigation. The recharge area for my well water is the permeable Woodhull Formation that underlies part of the section of the 70-year mineral lease on the property is due to the following concerns:

- 1) Highland Village obtains its drinking water supply from Lake Lewisville and public water wells near the lake. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the site. I am also concerned that chemicals from nearby operating wells will percolate through the surface soils and contaminate my well water used for my vegetable garden and landscape. This would negatively impact the many pollinating insects and birds that feed on and live in both the vegetable garden and landscaping. Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide on an earthen embankment this past spring. Additional drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure affecting both humans and wildlife habitats.

The Environmental Assessment for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. There was no analysis of how drilling, fracking, or wastewater injection could impact the Woodbine, Trinity or Paluxy geologic formations in relation to this parcel. The EA does not address the risks to the public as residing in the Woodbine formation along with other important issues. Therefore, BLM's offer of this parcel is unlawful as it fails to sufficiently address the above issues as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Please pull this parcel from the April 20 auction. Do not put my family's water, health, and well-being at risk.

Sincerely,

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