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RE: BLM Gas Leases on Lewisville Lake

As a resident of Highland Village, Texas, which is located on the shores of Lewisville Lake, I have very serious objections to the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") selling mineral leases for fracking beneath Lewisville Lake.

I believe that fracking is a dangerous and unreliable method of extracting gas from the earth. Numerous areas where fracking is or has been conducted have experienced a sharp increase in earthquakes (including nearby in Irving, TX and Oklahoma). In addition, and as I am sure you are aware, lax oversight and negligence by well operators have caused chemical spills to occur at these sites. These spills have contaminated soil and groundwater in a vast area surrounding the wells and surrounding communities, the potential for contaminating the water supply for millions of people is simply too great to ignore. A spill of even a small magnitude could be potentially catastrophic. While I understand that many of my neighbors in the region make their living from fracking and the oil and gas business, I believe that the potential risks to innocent residents far outweighs the benefits to be drawn from BLM's sale of these leases.

I understand that the City of Dallas as well as my home city of Highland Village, and several other communities have written you with similar concerns. I urge you to reconsider offering the mineral leases for sale, not just beneath and around Lewisville Lake, but elsewhere in the country in close proximity to groundwater. Unless and until fracking can be shown to be 100% safe, it has no place near a water supply, especially one serving so many people.

I am happy to discuss my objections with you further at your convenience. I may be reached at 216-832-4686 or email, t_peck@hotmail.com. I appreciate your time and consideration of my objection.

Sincerely,


Thomas Peck