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February 17, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders:

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.

I formally protest the inclusion of the following parcel, NM- 201603-43, covering a total of 258.9 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself and my family. My is Anthony Graham and I live at 652 Fox Ave Lewisville, TX 75057 and I can be reached at 972-207-3048. My email is ouanthony@hotmail.com.

The reason I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property is due to the following [concerns]:

1) I am greatly concerned about the likelihood of increased seismic activity (earthquakes) in the areas around any drilling, particularly if fracking is the drilling method employed. It can no longer be considered a coincidence that areas of low seismic activity suddenly experience a large increase in the frequency and strength of earthquakes after fracking begins. Allowing drilling/fracking in the immediate area of the lake would be insane and reckless, especially considering the fact that Lewisville Lake's earthen dam is already on the verge of being compromised due to various structural issues. In fact, the dam is already under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide occurred after intense rains earlier this year. Assuming my family and I survive the resulting tsunami of water that would occur after an earthquake causes the dam to fail, who is going to pay our medical bills and to replace our house? From where I'm sitting, it sure seems like this sale would be neglect on BLM's part. And if the dam didn't fail? We would still likely experience 4.0 earthquakes, which could damage drywall, foundations, cause pipes to break (including natural gas), etc. Is BLM prepared for the public backlash and potential legal aspects of putting well-over 100,000 people at risk? To summarize, allowing this sale would be INCREDIBLY stupid.

2) The City of Lewisville 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. The possible migration of contaminants through our aquifers could also impair our public water wells.

3) Drilling will further degrade the air quality around Lake Lewisville, which the EPA already considers to be "severe". It is already a well-established fact that poor air quality significantly reduces life expectancy via lung cancer and other lung-related illnesses (including asthma), as well as heart failure. We do not need additional air pollution to further increase our risks of an early death.

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 aquifers in relation to this parcel. The EA does not address the soils or the geology regarding this Lake Lewisville parcel 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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