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Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re: Lewisville Lake leases for drilling purposes

I am presenting this letter to you for the purpose of protesting the leasing of mineral rights under or around the Lewisville Lake in Hickory Creek, Texas. I am a property owner living in Highland Village, Texas. My property is lake front property on the southside of the lake.

The dam that holds the water back in Lewisville lake has been declared one of the most dangerous and unstable dams in the United States with untold damage possibilities should the dam fail. I realize that there have been many discussions concerning the relation between fracking operations and mild to severe earthquakes. Most of these discussions and tests have not come to a final and definitive answer to the issues of earthquakes in the area of fracking.

But on the off chance that these theories are correct and any kind of earth movement should cause the dam to fracture, the damage to property and loss of life would be of catastrophic proportions. I cannot believe that any monetary results could be valuable enough to risk this kind of results.

Please!!!! Reconsider this possibility and rescind any plans to have any oil or gas drilling in, under or near the dam site. I cannot believe that the Corps of Engineers is allowing this to be considered, but hopefully your office will seriously take this into consideration and withdraw this plan to issue mineral leases until the dam has been repaired.

Sincerely,



M. Winston Rhea