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To: **Amy Luders**

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From: **Clay Thurmond**

Date: **2/19/2016**

Re: **NM-201603-43 Lease Sale**

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Attached is a letter of protest for the sale parcel NM-201603-43

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Amy Lueders
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February 11, 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-

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 my family . My name is Clay Thurmond and I live at 1524 Snyder, Denton, Texas 76209 and I can be reached at 940-206-8974. My email is rcthurmond@gmail.com.

As a resident of Denton, my community's drinking water is sourced from Lake Lewisville.

The reason I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property is

1) The City of Denton obtains its drinking water supply in part from Lake Lewisville. 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.

2) I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lake 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.*

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.

Please do not put my family's water, health, and well-being at risk. Water safety cannot be guaranteed and the risk of failure due to fracking so close to Lake Lewisville puts my family's health at risk, not to mention the greater Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex that sources water from Lake Lewisville. Failure of a well or faulty storage of frack water could devastate the entire region economically as well as health and well-being.

Sincerely,



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