

To: Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico

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Sent Via Fax to 505-954-2010

From: Thomas Barker
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Re: Oil & Gas Drilling
Lewisville Lake and Other Properties

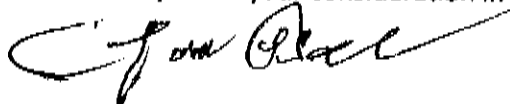
Dear Sirs:

I just learned about the plans to auction 36,000 acres of land in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas for oil and gas leases. The leases include many areas where the lessee would "frac" under large bodies of fresh water, including Lewisville Lake.

It is my understanding there are genuine concerns that fracking causes seismic activity, and further that individual fresh water wells have been contaminated. I understand there are people on both sides of the argument – and that is understandable. What I don't understand is leasing drilling sites without absolute determination of the risks to drinking water and lakes used for recreation. These resources are precious and need to be protected with absolute certainty that fracking will **not** be harmful. Does Flint, Michigan sound familiar? Different circumstances but possibly a similar result.

I respectfully request that issuance of any leases of this type be delayed until such time as there are scientific evaluations be made as to what impact fracking is having on the environment, including earthquakes and chemical contamination of land and drinking water.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Barker", with a stylized, flowing script.

Tom Barker