

FAX

TO: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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SUBJECT: PROTEST

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I am protesting the upcoming auction for the right to drill for gas under Lewisville Lake. For the Bureau of Land Management to sell a 10-year mineral rights lease in Santa Fe on April 20 is irresponsible and simply said just cannot be done. If you think that folks question the wisdom of drilling under a lake with a bad dam, a lake that Dallas uses for drinking water, then you'd be right. Lewisville Lake has been the subject of recent news reports regarding dam deficiencies. [Wendy Park, staff attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity] is concerned that the fracking process for horizontal wells under the lake could cause increased seismic activity — a concern echoed by [Rita Beving, of the Clean Water Fund]. She worries that either fracking, or any possible wastewater disposal that might occur in the vicinity could weaken the dam and cause a breach.

The Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter echoed the concerns of the others. Cyrus Reed, the group's conservation director, emphasized his concerns about water contamination. He thinks contamination could happen if a well's cementing or casing were to fail or if a spill were to occur.

I am a homeowner in the North West Dallas Flood Control District. My address is 1141 Christopher Lane, Lewisville, TX 75077

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