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Santa Fe, NM 87508

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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a resident of Highland Village, Texas, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed auction of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property on Lewisville Lake for the purpose of natural gas drilling.

It is well known Lewisville Dam on Lake Lewisville is in need of repair and has been structurally compromised. Thus, it is at risk from any new threats, including earthquakes, which have been established as being related to the wells involved with natural gas drilling. Failure of this dam would result in disaster for many communities downstream as well as for the Corps of Engineers. Bans on gas drilling have been sought by multiple municipalities throughout our state, and nowhere is the risk greater than with the aging dam on Lake Lewisville. This lake is also the source of drinking water for our community and others, and the threats to contamination or other disruption or damage to the lake are too great to be subject to commercial use. For these reasons, I, along with all of my neighbors and city leaders are staunchly opposed to the potential auction of this fragile land to profit-minded companies unconcerned with environmental protection. I sincerely hope that other options for this valuable land can be found if the BLM wishes to relinquish its use to others.

Sincerely,



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