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Comments: protest of April 20~~3~~ 2016 Lease Sale, NM-201603-43

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Amy Lueders  
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***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. § 3120.1-3. **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 myself and my family. My name is Janice Heidlberger, and I live at 425 Bernard Street, Apt. 907, Denton, Texas 76201; (402) 380-1571; jheidlberger@ gmail.com. My family and I live in Denton and our drinking water comes from Lake Lewisville. Furthermore, we visit the lake throughout the week for picnicking, sailing, and swimming. The reason I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property is due to the following concerns:

- 1) Denton obtains its drinking water supply from Lake Lewisville and public water wells near the lake. 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 and frack water storage 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.**

Do not put my family's water, health, and well-being at risk.

Sincerely,



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