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Amy Leuders
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders:

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 my family and myself. My name is Leslie Dalglish and I live at 880 Fernwood Court, Highland Village, TX 75077. I can be reached at 972-979-5890 and at lesliedalglish@yahoo.com.

My husband and I are property owners in Highland Village of a single family residence. We have owned this home since August 2000, and we have lived in this home with our four (4) children since July 2001. Over the years, we have enjoyed many water activities on Lake Lewisville: boating, swimming, camping, and hiking. We have also enjoyed the abundant wildlife we have observed, sometimes in our own backyard: coyotes, bobcats, foxes, roadrunners, armadillos, possums, and whooping cranes to name a few. In addition, we have been drinking and using water that comes from Lake Lewisville since August 2000.

I respectfully submit that my family and I are affected parties by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property. This is due, at least in part, to the following:

1) Highland Village 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 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.

3) I am further concerned about the potential for increased seismicity and the affect that may have on the foundations of homes and businesses in Highland Village. Many homes and businesses in Highland Village are built on clay, and must be carefully monitored and maintained (either through regular watering or possibly foundation work) to ensure that the structures do not experience cracking, shifting, and other foundation problems. Increased seismic activity could cause or exacerbate structural foundation problems and could potentially result in significant damage to these structures.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) 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 also does not address the soils or the geology regarding this Lake Lewisville parcel along with other important issues. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that BLM's offer of this parcel fails to sufficiently address the above issues as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Therefore, we respectfully request that BLM pull this parcel from the auction scheduled for April 20, 2016.

Sincerely,



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