

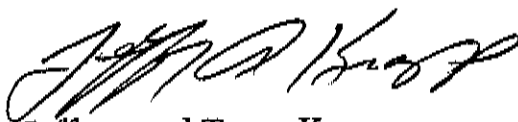
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing this letter to protest hydraulic fracturing (fracking) within the lease parcels in the Hickory Creek Branch of Lake Lewisville here in Texas. Please know that this is of great concern to our family. Lake Lewisville serves as the primary source of drinking water for Dallas and much of North Texas. Contamination of Lake Lewisville by toxic, carcinogenic and/or neurotoxic chemicals used in the drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes would render Lake Lewisville water undrinkable with considerable negative consequences for the entire North Texas region. Earthquakes associated with hydraulic fracturing and wastewater injection well disposal have been shown by USGS seismologists, as well as seismologists from numerous major universities, to have occurred in Oklahoma, as well as in Irving, Dallas, Azle, Reno, Springtown and other North Texas cities. This has resulted in structural damage to homes, municipal buildings and commercial structures. I, myself, work in Irving and have experienced the numerous earthquakes. Trust me it is very unnerving to sit through. Insurance companies will not cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production activities and earthquake insurance, if you can find it, is very expensive. The Lake Lewisville lease parcels are very close to developed residential communities that would be harmed by the non-stop heavy industrial process starting with pad-site preparation and continuing through well completion without benefit to local residents and possible reductions of their real property values.

As I mentioned, this is of great concern to myself and my family. Please consider the quality of life of those of us living in this area and stop the leasing of these parcels.

Respectfully submitted,



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