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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that there are plans to have hydraulic fracturing (fracking) right next to Lake Lewisville in Texas. This lake already has a dam with structural issues that have not been adequately addressed and any earthquakes that might result from this activity could easily impact surrounding communities. Anyone that has been in the vicinity of fracking knows that seismic activity DOES increase greatly with this drilling procedure.

In addition to the concern of seismic activity, I am greatly concerned with contamination of the water supply. It seems to be a rare occurrence that fracking doesn't contaminate nearby water. This lake provides drinking water to hundreds of thousands of people in the surrounding area. I am afraid that any claims that safety will be a priority and/or the environment will be minimally impacted are just empty words. I have seen the disregard for the environment and human beings that this industry has. They create a noxious, unsafe environment during the process and then leave a toxic mess behind.

There are many good uses that this land could go to that would benefit the area. Fracking is just about always a bad thing and to do that right next to a lake that people depend on for their water source is just horrible. To risk the kind of damage that even the most careful drillers (and I have seen that many of them are not even interested in being careful) can create is truly putting profit far above the health and safety of human beings. I am firmly against any such activity in this area.



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