

February 15, 2016

Bureau of Land Management  
New Mexico State Office  
P.O. Box 27115  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115  
Attn: Amy Leuders

*Via facsimile: 505-954-2010*

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale (NM-201603-43)

Ms. Leuders:

I am submitting this Protest of the planned April 20, 2016 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) oil and gas lease sale and Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-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 258.0 acres. The proposed parcel is on and adjacent to Lewisville Lake. I am filing this protest on behalf of myself and my family, as our drinking water comes from the lake.

I am an affected party by the auction of the 10- year mineral lease on the property due to the following concerns:


\* Flower Mound obtains its drinking water from Lake Lewisville. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the sale. The possible migration of contaminants through our aquifers could also impair public/private water wells.

\* I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismic activity from the added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161 foot long, 23 foot wide slide this spring. Additionally, it was recently reported that the Lewisville dam was considered dangerous and posed a serious legitimate threat to the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area. Drilling or the mitigation of drilling fluids along the existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure and have catastrophic impacts not just on Flower Mound, but the entire D/FW metroplex.

\* The Environmental Assessment for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. There was no analysis of how drilling, fracking or water 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, among other things. The ecosystem of Lake Lewisville is vital to our community. There are countless species that would potentially be directly impacted by the introduction of drilling and/or fracking. 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, 2016 auction and do not relist this parcel until the aforementioned concerns are investigated and addressed. Please do not put our community water, health and safety at risk.

Sincerely,



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