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*February 15, 2016*

***Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale, Lake Lewisville Parcel NM-2016-04-44***

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- 201604-44 (also marked as MN-201603-44 on EA p. 17/101) covering a total of 258.9 acres on Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself, my husband, and my veterinary patients. Having recently invested in our first home near the shore of Lake Lewisville, I depend on the Lake for my drinking water and recreation. The worth of my home is intimately tied with the health of Lake Lewisville and the lake's dam – any initiation of oil/gas mining would serve to depreciate the worth of my home. Increased emissions, potential water contamination, and introduction of chemicals into my environment could adversely affect my reproductive health, as my husband and I are hoping to start a family this year. I am also concerned for the health of my clients and veterinary patients, many of whom live near and spend time around and in Lake Lewisville. Potential exposure to chemicals associated with oil/gas drilling will negatively impact the health of my canine and feline patients.

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 relevant 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 delete 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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**RE: Formal Protest of the 20 Apr 2016 BLM Lease Sale**

Dear Ms. Leuders and associated arbiters:

Just a few days ago, I was informed via a Facebook post from my Highland Village neighbors that the BLM is planning to have an oil and gas lease sale planned on April 20, 2016. Specifically, the reference numbers I have been given are:

*Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-EA, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3.*

I kindly ask that you file this letter as a notice of protest with regards to including parcel, NM-201603-44, covering a total of 258.9 acres near Lewisville Lake, from this lease sale.

Specifically, if this Fracking occurs, living near the lake puts myself, my home, and my future children's lives at risk. As a new homeowner and recently married, I plan on living in this home for a long time and raising a family in Highland Village. It is certainly disconcerting to know that Fracking will be happening just miles from my residence, and the impact it will have on our water supply, our fragile dam, our fauna, our flora, and the overall stability of our ground. It has been repeatedly documented that Fracking causes earthquakes, and given the weakness of our dam (one of the worst in the country) and the numerous homes surrounding the lease site, this particular parcel is in no way acceptable with regards to the proposed leasing initiative – now or in the foreseeable future.

Certainly you can relate: imagine your own home – now imagine it near a lake and further, hypothesize the current Fracking situation happening to you – you purchased your home for stability, safety, and longevity. The current initiative in our Highland Village neighborhood threatens every one of these key factors that any family would want for their home. There are numerous acres elsewhere in the US that make more sense for Fracking – it is my sincere hope this group of arbiters truly appreciates the plans I made for my life, my wife, and my future family. Please, do not allow this leases sale to take place on our beloved Lewisville Lake.

Lastly, thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter. I know I am only the voice of one man and his future children at this point. At the same time, I hope that through the repeated testimonials of all of us in and around Highland Village, you decide on the safest option for us all.

Sincerely,  
Troy Tuttle, MS