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**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 (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 my family and myself. My name is Linda Martin and I live at 774 Lakewood Ct., Highland Village, Texas 75077 and I can be reached at 818-632-7697. My email is email address is linda\_martin44@hotmail.com.**

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

4.) My family and I live on Lewisville Lake. We moved here from California specifically to live on the lake and to enjoy the water sports and the perks of living on a lake. My children wakeboard, waterski, surf, tube, float, fish, kayak in the lake. Everyday the sun is out my kids are doing something in the lake. In the winter they still take advantage of the backyard and go sledding. As a family we enjoy hiking around the lake. Our life as a family revolves around Lewisville Lake. The potential of water contamination will ruin our way of life.

3.) Drilling will affect our property value. We intentionally bought a house that needed updating so that we could afford to live on the lake and raise our children in this environment. We have been working on these projects for 5 years and have spent a lot of money updating our home and in doing so we have brought the property value up tremendously. Drilling will decrease our property value and negate all the hard work we have invested. Lakefront homes will be less desirable if drilling is allowed and therefore lose tremendous value.

1) My drinking water come from Lewisville Lake. Our city also has additional wells not far from Lewisville 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 dam embankment or

cause a breach. A major breach could put 430,000 residents downstream at risk of flooding and be a loss of our local water supply.

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 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 pull 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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