

NOTICE OF PROTEST

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**Re: 15 NM-201604-043258.90Acres TX TR F-519;TR F-520A; TR F-520B;TR F-524;Denton County Tulsa
FO CORP OF ENGINEERS LAKE LEWISVILLE PROJECT,NO PRIOR LEASES**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I live on Lake Lewisville and am writing this letter to formally protest drilling under Lake Lewisville. This drilling may endanger my water quality and could lead to earthquakes in my neighborhood as evidenced by recent activity in the Dallas-Fort Worth area where fracking has been taking place.

Please note the following in support of my protest:

Rita Beving, of the Clean Water Fund, said her group looked at all Texas properties listed in the upcoming sale. She wants mitigating factors to protect the environment and critical habitat for endangered species. The existing environmental assessment was not acceptable, Beving said, as it was done in a more global, cursory nature. "We have every right to ask officials what analysis they've done that shows this won't affect the water," she said.

Wendy Park is the staff attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, which is working to stop drilling on all public lands. "[Public lands] shouldn't be for sale to the highest bidder," Park said. "Protecting the public should be a top priority. At a minimum, they have to do a proper and full environmental review." The environmental assessment provided by BLM does not mention the lake's "integrity problems", Park said; and, she is concerned with drilling affecting the drinking water supply for the City of Dallas and other numerous North Texas cities. Lewisville Lake has been the subject of recent news reports including the LTJ regarding dam deficiencies. Park is concerned that the fracking process for horizontal wells under the lake could cause increased seismic activity - a concern echoed by Beving. She worries that fracking, or any possible wastewater disposal that might occur in the vicinity could weaken the dam and result in a breach.

The Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter echoed the concerns of the others. Cyrus Reed, the group's conservation director, emphasized his concerns about water contamination. He thinks contamination could happen if a well's cementing or casing were to fail or if a spill were to occur. "Any oil and gas development near a reservoir does have the potential to lead to water contamination if not managed correctly," Reed said.

Lake Lewisville has enough issues with Dam damage, the high levels that have taken our shore lines, the zebra mussels, and pollution. We don't need additional potential environmental contamination.

I understand this office will forward my protest to the appropriate director.

Very truly yours,

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