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RE: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders:

I live in Highland Village, Tx, and 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 43/44 C.F.R. 3120.1-3.

I formally protest the inclusion of the following parcel, NM-20160-43, covering a total of 258.9 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lake Lewisville.

As my property on the lake, and we are raising our son here, we do NOT want our air contaminated, our water polluted, our property value to decrease, or our ground shifting.

This lake is the drinking water for over 2 million people and I am concerned about contamination of the drinking water through possible runoff or migration of contaminants through our aquifers. We drink water out of this lake. My son swims in this lake. My dog is in the lake daily. We have a boat and ski on this lake weekly in the summer. We do NOT want our lake polluted.

I also am very concerned about the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161 foot long, 23 foot wide slide on an earthen embankment this last Spring. Additional drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along the existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure. Damage could be catastrophic to us and several cities south of us, including Dallas.

The Environmental Assessment 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 the 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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