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Subject: Protesting BLM gas leases at Lake Lewisville

I am a resident of Lewisville and want to protest the BLM gas leases at Lake Lewisville for the following reasons:

Lake Lewisville serves as the primary source of drinking water for Dallas and much of North Texas. The possibility of contaminating the drinking water is greatly increased by the drilling and fracking process.

The drilling and fracking process pose a real threat of further weakening the structure of the already damaged Lewisville dam.


The lease rates in the bid proposal offer public property at rates far below fair market value and defraud citizens of revenues from the lease of public property and the sale of publicly owned minerals.

Insurance companies will not cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production.

I was concerned about the weakness of the Lewisville dam after news reports and articles in the Dallas Morning News over the past few months. Now since hearing there is a possibility that gas leases and the resulting drilling and fracking may cause even more damage, I felt the need to purchase flood insurance from FEMA for a considerable cost of \$430 per year. The maximum amount of coverage will not come close to covering the cost of replacing my home and contents.

Please consider my concerns. I would appreciate a written response to this protest letter.

Thank you,



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