

February 15, 2016

Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508

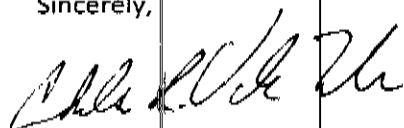
Re: NM-201604-043 258.90 Acres TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I am writing to protest the sale of leases on the Hickory Creek Branch of Lake Lewisville in Texas for the following reasons:

- Lake Lewisville serves as the primary drinking water reservoir for Dallas and much of North Texas.
- Contamination of Lake Lewisville by toxic, carcinogenic and neurotoxic chemicals used in the drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes would render Lake Lewisville water undrinkable with considerable negative consequences for the entire North Texas region.
- Earthquakes associated with hydraulic fracturing and wastewater injection well disposal have been shown by USGS seismologists, as well as seismologists from numerous major universities, to have occurred in Oklahoma, as well as in Irving, Dallas, Azle, Reno, Springtown and other North Texas cities resulting in structural damage to homes, municipal buildings and commercial structures.
- Insurance companies will not cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production activities.
- Oil and gas exploration and production on or under mortgaged properties violates provisions of federally-insured mortgage loans issued by VHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and other federal agencies, and can result in loans being called leading to forced foreclosures for people who receive no benefits from the oil and gas production.
- The lease rates in the bid proposal offer public property at rates far below fair market value and defraud citizens of appropriate revenues from the lease of public property and the sale of publicly-owned minerals.
- The Lake Lewisville lease parcels are very close to developed residential communities that would be harmed by the non-stop heavy industrial process starting with padsite preparation and continuing through well completion without benefit to local residents and possible reductions of their real property values.

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Dear BLM New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas & Kansas,

As a concerned Dallas Metroplex Citizen, I write to urge you to join the growing majority of Americans against fracking. And ask that you do not auction off the parcel of land labeled NM-201604-043 258.90 Acres TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524 Denton County, COE-NSO-LEWISVILLE LAKE.

The increased use of this dangerous process (fracking) has already put many local communities in harm's way, causing water contamination, negative health effects, earthquakes, and a host of other disastrous impacts. In light of overwhelming and rapidly increasing scientific evidence of harm, we ask that you now acknowledge the inherent dangers in shale development and stand with us and the countless Texas families and communities at risk from fracking across Texas. The exploration of unconventional shale energy reserves and the extensive use of hydraulic fracturing during well stimulation have raised concerns about the potential effects of unconventional oil and gas extraction (UOG) on the environment.

These impacts are being borne by far too many Americans across the country. Water contamination and air pollution with dangerous endocrine disruptors and carcinogens are increasingly common. Many parents now have to worry about what their children are drinking and breathing, often reporting increased rates of asthma, difficulty breathing, excessive nose bleeds, and other acute health problems linked to the chemicals from fracking operations. In Pennsylvania for example, the state has confirmed at least 243 instances of water contamination. In Texas, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and elsewhere, researchers have found disturbing levels of ground-level ozone and volatile organic compounds, including carcinogenic benzene and formaldehyde.

In many states, fracking and associated toxic wastewater disposal wells are causing thousands of earthquakes. CNN reported that Fracking has led to an increase of earthquakes in the Dallas Metroplex. In 2015, the Dallas area had 58 earthquakes.

In addition, this parcel of land falls within the stipulation of WO-ESA-7 THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSULTATION. The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM has stated that it may not approve any ground disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq. Earthquakes caused from fracking will cause ground-disturbing activity and threaten any endangered species. This is a direct violation of 16 U.S. Code § 1531[5].

Fracking this parcel of land also brings additional risks as Jason Vazquez, Dam Safety Program Manager for the Army Corps of Engineers, has noted that the Lewisville dam is currently ranked as Dam Safety Action Class 2, with "very high" risk and "failure initiation foreseen." According to Vazquez, a breach in the Lewisville dam would create a 65-foot-tall flood wave traveling 34 mph and would quickly inundate a wide swath of Lewisville, Coppell, Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Irving, Las Colinas and other communities bordering the Trinity River.

The wave would sweep everything in its path — the Lewisville dump, water treatment plants, LBJ Freeway, the Bush Turnpike, Interstate 35E, the State Highway 121 Tollway, Love Field, the Hospital District, office complexes, senior citizen centers, shelters, schools, playgrounds and 53,000 other structures. **Projected death toll exceeds 431,000.**

Given the demonstrable threats that fracking poses to our health, water, and climate, we implore you to listen to the science, listen to the pleas of mothers and fathers who don't want their children to breathe or drink toxic chemicals, and join the anti-fracking majority. We ask that you join us in taking a stand against fracking, and we ask that you do not auction off the parcel of land labeled NM-201604-043 258.90 Acres TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524 Denton County, COE-NSO-LEWISVILLE LAKE.

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Concerned Dallas Area Citizen

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