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Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico Office
Santa Fe, New Mexico

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of our sincere and strong objection to your consideration of allowing auction of leases in, around, or near any lake in the North Central Texas area where that lake is a water source for citizens. No drilling should be allowed where a water source for citizens is involved.

With the situation of severe lack of water in Flint, Michigan due to government tampering many residents are left with unclean water.

With the situation of a natural gas well that has leaked in Los Angeles, thousands of residents were forced to leave their homes.

Enough is Enough....We are strongly opposing any auction, lease, drilling, or any other means of tampering with our water supply in Texas.

Sincerely,



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Utility plugs massive gas leak near Los Angeles

By Brian Melley
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LOS ANGELES — A blow-out at a natural gas well that leaked uncontrollably for 16 weeks and drove thousands of residents from their Los Angeles homes was plugged Thursday, a utility said.

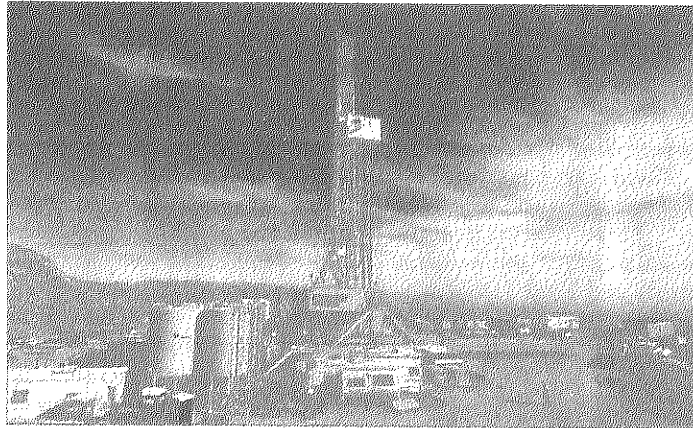
While the well still needs to be permanently sealed with cement and inspected by state regulators, the announcement by Southern California Gas Co. marked the first time the massive leak has been under control since it was reported Oct. 23.

"We've achieved control of the well today," said Jimmie Cho, a SoCalGas senior vice president. He said he was very confident they would complete the job.

The leak is expected to cost the company, a division of Sempra Energy, \$250 million to \$300 million, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

That figure could climb much higher because it only accounts for costs of capping the well, lost gas and relocating families. It does not include potential damages from more than 65 lawsuits, penalties from government agencies and expenses to mitigate pollution, which the company noted could be significant.

If ... all goes



Dean Musgrove, pool/AP file photo

In this Dec. 9 photo, crews work on stopping a gas leak at a relief well at the Aliso Canyon facility above the Porter Ranch area of Los Angeles.

according to plan to seal the well, the upscale Porter Ranch community in the San Fernando Valley could begin to return to normalcy after schools were closed and 6,400 families were uprooted as they complained of headaches, nausea, nosebleeds and other symptoms as an intermittent stench wafted through the area.

Public health officials blamed their woes on an odorant added to gas so it can be detected and have said they don't expect long-term health impacts.

Vicky Walker, who lives close to the facility, said the smell was particularly strong the past few nights but wasn't noticeable

Thursday afternoon.

She spent three to four nights a week in a hotel after developing a cough, but returned regularly to work from her home office. But she gained five pounds as she stayed inside as much as possible and stopped walking her dog.

"I want to get back to life as I knew it as soon as possible," Walker said. "And I hope property values don't suffer."

The leak at the largest underground gas storage reservoir in the West was declared an emergency by the governor. At its peak, the leak was estimated to contribute about a quarter of the state's climate-altering methane emissions.

Dallas protests auction of leases near lake

by Brian Scott
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To withdraw a 259-acre area from the northwest side of Lewis Lake from a scheduled April 20 auction.

In the letter the city's water utilities director Jody Hines says concerns over water quality, the Lewisville Lake Authority, the Lewisville Lake Authority, the lack of notification to residents if the area as reasons for annual protest.

The city began circulating notices via the public is notified via the



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New Mexico district website from the start, but many people locally have said they had no way of knowing they'd ever need to check for something like this.

public protest period with one with concerns can the NLM via traditional mail, fax to have their comments considered in the final decision whether to auction.

Lewisville Lake is a source of drinking water for much of North Texas and, as a result, the city mentioned in its protest letter, the Lewisville Lake Dam, is undergoing repairs for damage caused by flooding. In the meantime, leading several cities to follow suit with Dallas.

The Highland Village City Council voted Tuesday night after City Manager Mike Leavitt found out about the auction in local media.

"The council is not opposed to gas works and the process of gas-making, but it is not prepared to take any action to encourage them."

bringing up what can be done as its major aim.

The cities of Lewisville and Flower Mound also confront their city councils will consider opposing the auction via on Monday and Denton Mayor Chris Watts said he will bring resolution up to its council day night.

Those wanting to protest the sale of these leases must have their letter into the BLM's Mexico office by the close of business on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Proofs can be sent to:
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New Mexico Office, P.O.
2715, Santa Fe, NM 87504
or via fax at 505-954-2010.

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