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Amy Leuders
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New Mexico State Office
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

February 15, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders:

I 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 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3.

I formally protest the inclusion of the following parcel, NM- 201603-43 (also marked as MN-201603-44 on EA p. 17/101) covering a total of 258.9 acres on Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of my family. . My name is Mary Warren, and I live at 4312 McKinney Avenue #16, Dallas, TX 75205. You may reach me through my cell phone, 972-333-6419, or email, maryewarren2@mac.com.

Lake Lewisville provides me with water, and if its dam fails, my city will be greatly harmed.

The reasons I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property are as follows:

1) My city obtains drinking water from Lake Lewisville. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the site. The possible migration of contaminants through our aquifers could also impair our public water wells.

2) I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide on an earthen embankment this past spring. Additional drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the dam embankment or cause a breach. A major breach could put 430,000 residents downstream at risk of flooding and be a loss of our local water supply.

Additionally, the urgency with which we must act to stop climate change demands that we not allow further oil and gas production. Humans will no longer be able to live on Earth after 20 more years of using fossil fuels at our current rate. I am asking you to keep this gas in the ground, so as not to worsen climate change. We are at a point at which we must turn to renewable sources of energy exclusively.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) 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 this 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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