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Subject: Parcel NM-201604-043

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Date: February 18, 2016

To: Amy Leuders

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Comments:

I respectfully request confirmation by email at paybdb1@yahoo.com in order to confirm that this letter of protest has indeed been received. Thank you.

February 17, 2016

Amy Leuders
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Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Protest of 1 parcel. Specific parcel protested includes: Parcel NM-201604-043 Denton County

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 parcel NM-201604-043. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake. As a resident of the Town of Flower Mound, I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property is due to the following concerns:

- 1) Lake Lewisville provides drinking water for millions of DFW residents, including the Town of Flower Mound. Tributaries must be safe from potential fracking accidents. 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 integrity of the dam's infrastructure.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Yurkovich', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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