



*February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

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***Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale***

Elite Care Emergency Room protests pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3 the proposed auction by Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") of Parcel NM-201604-044 comprising approximately 259 acres in and adjacent to Lewisville Lake, Denton County, Texas (the "Lewisville Lake Property")

**PROTEST**

**1. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests:**

This Protest is filed on behalf of: Elite Care Emergency Room

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Statement of Interest & Reasons as to Why the Proposed Lease Sale Is Unlawful

Dear Ms. Lueders;

I am your name here with your org here located in The Colony, Texas. Oil and gas production at the Lewisville Lake Property poses a significant risk to surface water quality in and around the land proposed to be auctioned.

As a result, any spills or releases of oil and gas waste and their hazardous components have the potential to impact the drinking water of The Colony residents. These direct impacts from oil and gas activities have not been adequately studied in BLM's Environmental Assessment for the lease sale and represent an unacceptable level of risk to the residents of The Colony. Hydraulic fracturing beneath the lake could also induce earthquakes and exacerbate the dam's existing structural integrity problems. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the dam is already at "high risk" of failure in an extreme event. A breach of the dam could cause enormous property loss and risk the lives of many communities downstream from the dam, including the life and property of The Colony residents. Of equal concern is the potential impact and risk of contamination to the Woodbine, Paluxy and Trinity aquifers of which The Colony has invested four water wells to draw water from as a secondary water source.

Neither the local governments surrounding Lewisville Lake nor the water-consuming public have had an adequate opportunity to review and consider the potential impacts of the BLM auction of the Lewisville Lake Property. BLM did not provide sufficient notice of the proposed sale, and I only learned of the proposed auction on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from a local newspaper article. It is my understanding that the only notice BLM provided of the proposed auction is on its New Mexico website. For these reasons, I formally request that the BLM withdraw the Lewisville Lake Property from its April 20, 2016 auction.

Sincerely,

*Artie R. Williams*

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