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To Whom It May Concern:

I reside in Frisco, TX approximately 20 miles from Lake Lewisville. I am writing to officially protest ALL of the lease parcels in the Hickory Creek Branch of Lake Lewisville in Texas that are currently set to be auctioned off on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Sante Fe, NM. I am protesting for all of the following reasons, but the most relevant, due to my proximity from Lake Lewisville, is my concern for seismic activity and the immense strain that would be put on the surrounding communities if contamination of Lake Lewisville were to occur. We only very recently recovered from the loss of Lake Lavon due to an invasion of mussels, so we are well aware of the effect losing an entire lake in this area can have. While I'm sure every precaution would be taken to prevent the contamination of Lake Lewisville, accidents still happen, and I believe it is very irresponsible to allow hydraulic fracturing in this area.

My reasons for protesting are as follows:

Lake Lewisville serves as the primary drinking water reservoir for Dallas and much of North Texas.

Contamination of Lake Lewisville by toxic, carcinogenic and/or 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.

Sincerely Yours,

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