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RE: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

I am filing the letter to protect the BLM planned April 20, 2016 oil and gas lease sale and Environmental Assessment **DOI-BLM-NM-2015-61-EA**, pursuant to 43 CFR 3210.1-3.

I formally protect the inclusion of **parcel NM-201603-43**, covering a total of 258.9 acres and located on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing on behalf of my family. My name is John Fambrough and as a resident of Flower Mound, my family receives a large portion of our water from Lewisville Lake. I am concerned that drilling under or around Lewisville Lake would have a negative impact on the residents of Denton and Dallas counties who receive water, at least in part, from Lewisville Lake. While leasing would provide some income to Texas, the recent crisis in Flint MI serves as reminder that some things are more important than money.

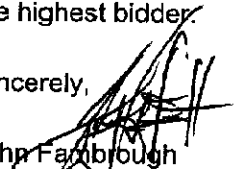
I believe my family is an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property because I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the site, and the possible migration of contaminants through the aquifers impacting public wells.

In addition, I am concerned about an increase in earthquakes from added drilling in and around Lewisville Lake. Currently, the Lewisville Lake dam is under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide along an earthen embankment in the spring of 2015.

Finally, the environmental assessment for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. Specifically, there was no analysis of how drilling, fracking or wastewater injection could impact the Woodbine, Trinity or Paluxy aquifers in relation to this parcel. Also, the EA does not address the soils or geology regarding the Lewisville Lake parcel.

The BLM's offer of this parcel is unlawful as it fails to sufficiently address the issues noted above as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Please pull this parcel from the April 20, 2016 proposed auction. The health and welfare of the residents of North Texas should not be for sale to the highest bidder.

Sincerely,


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