

Amy Lueders  
Bureau of Land Management  
New Mexico State Office  
P.O. Box 27115  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders,

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, covering a total of 258.9 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself, my family, Malissa Owen, and, frankly, all of Denton County. My name is Michel Tabet, and I live at 8012 Winding Stream Ln. Denton, TX 76210, and I can be reached at 940-536-8958. My email address is [micheltabet1996@gmail.com](mailto:micheltabet1996@gmail.com).

I live about 15 minutes from the Lake. I pass over it every day. It is a regular destination for my friends and me during summer break. It's the major lake in the area that everyone uses to spend time in the sun and relax.

The reason 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. Highland Village obtains its drinking water supply from Lake Lewisville and public water wells near the lake. 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 supply. I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismic activity 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.

3. A 2015 peer-reviewed study by Dr. Zachariah Hildenbrand and others, "A Comprehensive Analysis of Groundwater Quality in the Barnett Shale" gives indications that fracking compounds have been detected in water samples near wells sites in an analysis of more than 500 samples in the Barnett shale. Some of this sampling was done in Denton County.

It is the job of the government to protect its citizens. This is ridiculous and dangerous. What if something was to go wrong? What if an accident occurs like the ones we

hear about in the news? Is it really worth it? This has the potential of really destroying this lake, and thereby destroying our city.

Please, please do a cost benefit analysis. What benefits does Denton County get from this? None. Our electricity prices are just fine. We don't need more energy. This ploy is simply another company trying to make more profits at the expense of hundreds of thousands of residents. Enough is enough. Please do not approve this. Deny it. As a government agency, it is your duty to do what constituents want. This is what we want.

Thank you,

Michel Tabet