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TO: Amy Landers, BLM NM officeFROM: W. DAVID GRIGGSDATE: 2/19/16RE: Protest letter for April 20 sale Parcel NM-PAGES: COVER PLUS +2201604-044

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***Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale,
Parcel NM-201604-044***

Dear Ms. Leuders:

I am filing a Protest for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s 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 am filing this protest on behalf of my wife and me regarding Parcel NM-201604-044 which is also marked -043 in some places of the Environmental Assessment (EA). I feel we are an affected party re: the Lewisville Lake parcel for the following reasons:

1) Lewisville Lake is the source of our drinking water and we live downstream from the dam.

My wife and I live in Farmers Branch, Texas. We obtain our drinking water through Dallas Water Utilities which obtains water from Lewisville Lake as one of DFW's major water supplies. We do not want our drinking water potentially threatened by runoff from drilling operations should drilling contaminate the water quality of our water supply.

2) If Lewisville Lake is breached, flood waters would reach our home within an hour.

A secondary issue is the possible effects induced seismicity may have on Lewisville dam. The Lewisville dam has recently experienced a 160-foot, 23-foot wide embankment slide. It is my understanding that there are concerns within the region re: dams in the Barnett Shale as numerous sources are conducting surveys of dams in the area and evaluating them for seismic effects. If Lewisville Lake's dam breaches, our home would be flooded within an hour if the lake was at "capacity" or "full" according to the Army Corps of Engineers "Dam Safety" sheet.

Worse, my wife and I could be harmed personally by flood waters if our home was affected by such a catastrophic flood. Our home is located within 200 feet of "Farmers Branch Creek," a tributary of the Trinity River.

The EA for this April 20th sale fails to meet the basic requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

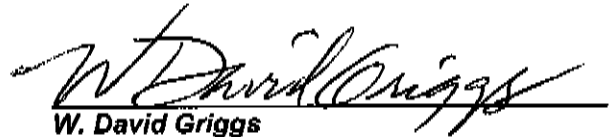
As a former senior attorney and civil prosecutor, retired from the Federal Trade Commission, I know that the posting of two deadlines for a public protest is sloppy at best, and would not be acceptable procedure within most any federal agency.

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Secondly, this EA is substantively and procedurally flawed and in violation of the National Environmental Protection Act. Issues such as surrounding water supplies and their importance to local communities for drinking water, air quality, climate change, economic impacts, etc. are not discussed at all or in the most cursory manner.

In conclusion, this parcel for the April 20th sale should be pulled, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) should be conducted since this sale will affect a major drinking water supply and there could be extremely negative impacts that could result from drilling.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this protest letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. David Griggs", is written over a horizontal line.

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