

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

Feb. 18th, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders:

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 DOT-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-FA, 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 as a concerned citizen. My name is Joe Dingman and I live at 4310 Cobblers Lane, Dallas TX 75287 and I can be reached at (214) 592 3145. My email is joedingman@yahoo.com

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:
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 wells. I visit the lake frequently as it is a vital part to the DW area. I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismicity 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.

Please consider the health of the DW residents and possible contaminants to our beautiful Lake Lewisville.

Sincerely,
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