

ATTN: Amy Lueders
RE: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale
Bureau of Land Management
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February 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to you as students from The Colony High School regarding the plans to lease the drilling rights near Lake Lewisville. We are greatly concerned about the economic and environmental impacts that hydraulic fracturing can have on our local water resources.

We urge you to keep in mind the following environmental concerns including the possibility of earthquakes, further damage to the dam, and the possible contamination of water. A primary environmental concern that could affect the people in the surrounding area are the earthquakes that research says are found in conjunction with hydraulic fracturing. The relationship between hydraulic fracturing and earthquakes has been established by the USGS which found that "the increase in seismicity coincides with the injection of wastewater in deep disposal wells" as well as the EPA. A more specific concern to the Lewisville Lake watershed involves the dam that is currently under repair for damages. Rita Beving, from the Clean Water Fund, expresses concern for the "unknowns like the seismic effects of the gas drilling and if that could create further issues". Further disturbance to the area by hydraulic fracturing can worsen this problem. Furthermore, the process of hydraulic fracturing lends itself to the risk of contaminating water. A

We also ask that you consider this, is it necessary to produce more oil and gas right now? Oil prices are at their lowest in years. Any added oil and gas from this area will only add to the surplus. Fracking at this time isn't really economically feasible.

In addition to significant environmental concerns, hydraulic fracturing can cause an increase in noise, high traffic, and a loss of aesthetic appeal that can cause a decrease in tourism revenue and property values. Lake Lewisville serves as a hub for many activities and could be disturbed if hydraulic fracturing comes to the area. This is our lake, many of us have grown up spending time swimming, fishing, and working on Lake Lewisville. It holds a special place in our hearts and we would like to be able to utilize our lake without the worry of contamination or other issues.

We ask that you consider these concerns when making a decision regarding leasing the drilling rights and the possibility of hydraulic fracturing in the Lewisville Lake.

Best Regards,

The Students of The Colony High School

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Students Against Fracking the Environment

NAME	CITY	ARE YOU 18+?
Jessica Kestel	The Colony	Yes
Jessie Rie	The Colony	Yes
Stephanie Munoz	The Colony	Yes
Jose Lora	The Colony	Yes
Zak B. Linsack	The Colony	Yes
Matt Gitt	The Colony	Yes
Nickel Monner	The Colony	Yes
Jason Richardson	The Colony	Yes
Theresa Linsack	The Colony	No