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Subject: Reasons to support protest of BLM oil and gas leases at Lake Lewisville - Frisco, Texas.

I am an individual property owner next to Lake Lewisville, Texas in Frisco, Texas 75034. I am protesting the proposed leases for the following reasons:

Lake Lewisville serves as the primary drinking reservoir for Dallas and much of North Texas. Contamination of Lake Lewisville by toxic, carcinogenic and/or neurotoxic chemicals used in the drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes would render Lake Lewisville water undrinkable with considerable negative consequences for the entire North Texas region.

Earthquakes associated with hydraulic fracturing and wastewater injection well disposal have been shown by USGS seismologists from numerous major universities, to have occurred in Oklahoma, as well in Irving, Dallas, Azle, Reno, Springtown and other North Texas cities resulting in structural damage to homes, municipal buildings and commercial structures.

Insurance companies will NOT cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production activities.

Oil and gas exploration and production on or under mortgaged properties VIOLATES provisions of federally-insured mortgage loans issued by VHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other federal agencies, and can result in loans being called leading to forced foreclosures for people who receive no benefits from the oil and gas production.

The lease rates in the bid proposal offer public property at rates FAR BELOW fair market value and severely limit citizens of appropriate revenues from the lease of public property and the sale of publicly-owned minerals.

The Lake Lewisville lease parcels are very close to developed residential communities (including the one I currently reside in) that would be HARMED by the non-stop heavy industrial process starting with pad site preparation and continuing through well completion without benefit to local residents and possible reductions of their real property values.

For these negative reasons listed above, and potentially others of negative concern yet to be discovered as we go forward, I protest the planned offering of oil and gas leases in this immediate area.

Sincerely,



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