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VIA FAX (505) 954-2010

Amy Lueders
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders:

I hereby file this Protest of 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 formally protest the inclusion of each of the following parcels, covering a total of 36,841.03 acres in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas:

Kansas

NM-201604-001
NM-201604-002
NM-201604-004
NM-201604-005
NM-201604-006

Texas

NM-201604-012
NM-201604-013
NM-201604-014
NM-201604-015
NM-201604-016
NM-201604-017
NM-201604-018
NM-201604-019
NM-201604-020
NM-201604-021
NM-201604-022
NM-201604-023
NM-201604-024
NM-201604-025
NM-201604-026

Oklahoma

NM-201604-007
NM-201604-008
NM-201604-009
NM-201604-011

Texas cont'd.

NM-201604-027
NM-201604-028
NM-201604-029
NM-201604-030
NM-201604-031
NM-201604-032
NM-201604-033
NM-201604-034
NM-201604-035
NM-201604-036
NM-201604-037
NM-201604-039
NM-201604-040
NM-201604-041
NM-201604-042
NM-201604-043

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PROTEST

1. Protesting Party: Contact Information and Interests: This Protest is filed on behalf of

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~~IND. I would prefer that address, telephone and email not be published on the~~
BLM website.

Statement of interest: I am very concerned about the lands for sale and the surrounding areas. Members of my family in Oklahoma City obtain drinking water from Canton Lake, and speaking very personally, I drink that water when I visit.

Also, I am well aware that air and water are moving all the time, and that contamination that begins in the areas for sale can easily spread to further degrade Oklahoma's environment, including my own. Radioactivity is spread through fracking activities. What keeps it out of air and water?

Fracking and injection wells are already causing an earthquake epidemic in the state, causing great misery for those whose homes have been damaged, causing economic loss for them, and taking a serious toll on the economy of the state. Oklahoma's infrastructure is already in great need of repair; the risk of further damage from earthquakes is unconscionable. This sale strikes at citizens, their homes and businesses, and the future of our state.

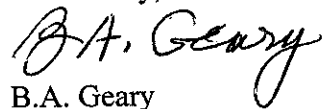
2. ~~Statement of Reasons as to why the Proposed Lease Sale is Unlawful.~~

BLM's proposed decision to lease the parcels listed above is substantively and procedurally flawed for the reasons discussed below.

There has been a serious lack of information to the public concerning the sale and a serious lack of opportunities for public input! I am appalled that there is NO MENTION of induced seismicity in the environmental analysis –no mention of the possible consequences for citizens, for wildlife, or the environment in general.

The sale should be cancelled so that the whole process can be done right. There needs to be proper publicity about the sale, and adequate (full) public participation in the environmental analysis and in public meetings.

Yours truly,


B.A. Geary