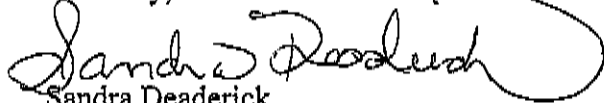


Pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 3120.1-3, I submit this protest regarding the January 20, 2016 Notice of Competitive Lease Sale of Oil and Gas ("notice"). This protest is timely because it is submitted on or before the close of business on February 18, 2016.

The notice describes 43 parcels of public land to be offered for lease. My concern is with the 258.9 acres described in parcel NM-201604-043, Denton County, Lake Lewisville Project.

This important watershed is a major water source for a significant population of the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, and the current dam is need of significant repairs. With the growing number of reports of **water contamination** and **geologic destabilization** that accompanies fracking from many sites around the United States, I fear that the costs and risks of catastrophe far outweighs any benefits that would gained from allowing fracking in this area. According to a recent study by the USGS, North Texas recorded only a single earthquake from 1950 to 2008. Since that time, fracking has become much more abundant, and we have now recorded more than 130 seismic events. I highly protest any lease or sale of this parcel for the purposes of oil and gas collection. Your decision will have an effect on hundreds of lives, homeowner property values, wildlife habitat areas, and drinking water quality. Take your drilling elsewhere!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra Deaderick", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Sandra Deaderick
Hickory Creek, TX