

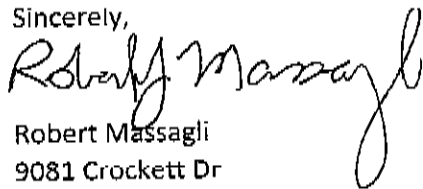
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To: Bureau of Land Management

I am writing to protest the auctioning of drilling rights under Lake Lewisville in North Texas by the Bureau of Land Management. There are multiple examples of water contamination and increased seismic activity in areas surrounding gas well sites throughout the nation. I have read and researched various opinions on both sides of the matter. Some studies indicate there is no correlation between gas drilling, water contamination, and earthquakes, while other studies prove there is a correlation. It is fact however, that the fracking process involves injecting and extracting millions of gallons of toxic chemicals from the earth. It is also a fact that the gas extraction process requires igniting explosives thousands of feet below ground breaking up rock and altering the composition of the bedrock. No one can really be sure what damage is caused underground when this is done. It seems imprudent considering the conflicting opinions on this issue to move forward with drilling in an area that puts millions of people at risk. Lake Lewisville provides drinking water for thousands of citizens. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers has listed the Lewisville Dam as one of the most dangerous in the country and has stated that it is highly unstable. It would be irresponsible to allow drilling to occur in an area that could potentially weaken the dam further and ultimately result in a breach. A breach would result in a catastrophe of extreme proportions for thousands of citizens.

In summary, drilling in the vicinity of Lake Lewisville is a bad idea. The potential risks are far too great. Please reconsider and remove the Lake Lewisville parcels from the auction.

Sincerely,



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