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Dear Ms. Leuders

I'm writing in concern and protest to the purposed sale of mineral leases for a 258.9 acre tract of land adjacent to Lewisville Lake in Denton County, Texas for the following reasons:

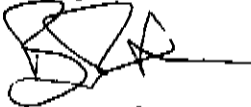
- Lewisville Lake is the City of Highland Village's primary supply of potable water to our residents. The City Council took this affirmative protest action based on the concerns about the risks of fracking beneath Lewisville Lake and the potential contamination of drinking water.

- Lewisville Lake dam is currently undergoing repairs from the May 2015 storms. The Corps of Engineers has identified the following elements that need to be addressed: reduce under seepage and probability of internal erosion of the earthen dam structure; improve slope stability and reduce probability of sliding of the earthen dam structure; repair infrastructure at the risk of being compromised by uplift and erosion; and portions of the dam may not be stable under higher pool loadings. The USACE is proposing to modify features at the Lewisville Lake Dam in order to reduce risk associated with dam operation and extend longevity of the dam. The City Council took this affirmative protest action based on the concerns of the risks of fracking beneath Lewisville Lake and the potential that seismic activity with associated fracking could exacerbate the identified risk.

Further, a new study just published in *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology* titled "Malignant human cell transformation of Marcellus Shale gas drilling flow water" (2015) proves the dangers of fracking from the wastewaters byproducts to human health and biodiversity.

Therefore, I urge you not to move forward with the lease agreement due to this valuable water resource for our city and most of the Dallas, Texas region.

Sincerely,



Brandon Roth