

Amy Leuders, Director
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
P.O. Box 27115
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115

Feb. 18th, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders:

I am filing this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 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 the following parcel, NM- 201603-43, covering a total of 258.9 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself as a concerned citizen. My name is Angela Howerton and I live at 3409 Briar Oaks Dr., Garland, TX 75044 and I can be reached at 217-737-5284. My email is gajlh5@gmail.com.

The reason I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property is due to the following concerns:

Highland Village obtains its drinking water supply from Lake Lewisville and public water wells near the lake. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the site. The possible migration of contaminants through our aquifers could also impair our public water wells. I visit the lake frequently as it is a vital part to the DFW area. I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide on an earthen embankment this past spring. Additional drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure.

Please consider the health of the DFW residents and possible contaminants to our beautiful Lake Lewisville.

Sincerely,

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