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Re: Oil/Gas Leases, Lewisville Lake, Texas

To whom it may concern,

There is great controversy in this region of the United States regarding the effects of drilling, fracking, etc., and the incidents of earthquakes where they've rarely been previously recorded. To date, the scientific community has not resolved this issue.

Another concern is the inevitable spillage, leaking, blowouts etc. that occur with oil exploration, a problem defying solution since the first Texas well blew in over a century ago. Pollution of the water supply could be significant requiring all manner of cleanup effort and expense.

These two concerns take on great significance in light of the fact that the Lewisville Reservoir is a major supply of potable water to a large portion of metropolitan Dallas.

The first point above, earthquake potential is of great concern in light of the recent revelations of weakness and areas of failure in the existing earthen dam containing the billions of gallons of water in the reservoir. The possibility for damage or loss of life to those hundreds of thousands of us downstream of the dam takes on Katrina like parallels.

These two reasons alone, exclusive of any other environmental issues in a highly populated area, should make consideration of ANY hydrocarbon exploration activity in this area completely out of consideration.

As a concerned citizen, homeowner and freshwater customer situated not many miles downstream of the dam, please take this letter as my firm stand against the proposition of BLM leasing tracts under Lewisville Lake for oil and gas exploration.

Sincerely,



David Spohn