

FAX Cover Sheet

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Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

I am filing this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management' (BLM) planned April 20, 2016 oil and gas lease sale and Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-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 258.0 acres. The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself. My name is Margaret Doss and I live at 5504 Frost Lan in Flower Mound, Texas. I can be reached at 972-874-3873 by phone. My email address is margaret.doss@usa.net.

As a Flower Mound resident, my drinking water comes primarily from Lake Lewisville, which serves millions of residents in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

I feel that I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property and am deeply concerned about this auction for the following reasons:

1) Flower Mound obtains its drinking water from Lake Lewisville. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the sale. Both human error and mechanical failure have resulted in accidents at drilling sites have released chemicals that no one would want in their water. The risk of such happening in Lake Lewisville would directly impact up to 2.4 million people who get their drinking water from this lake. Additionally, there is a history of subsurface contamination from failed, flawed or improperly-cased vertical well drillings that have introduced volatile organic compounds and other contaminants into vital aquifers. These leases pose a risk for the possible migration of contaminants through our aquifers that could impair both public and private water wells in our region. These risks to safe, clean drinking water for an entire region are an entirely unacceptable risk.

2) Given the widely reported and growing worries about the safety and stability of the dam on Lake Lewisville, I am quite concerned about the potential for increased seismic activity caused by added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville to cause further harm to and hasten the deterioration of an aging dam. The Lewisville dam is current under repair after a 161 foot long, 23 foot wide slide this spring. The local media has long reported that the Lewisville dam was considered dangerous and posed a serious legitimate threat to the DFW metroplex, with the potential to cause a disaster of "a much bigger magnitude to the Dallas area than Hurricane Katrina was to New Orleans ." (For reference, please see the Dallas Morning News article

from December 12, 2015 at <http://interactives.dallasnews.com/2015/lewisville-dam>.) Additionally drilling or the mitigation of drilling fluids along the existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure and have catastrophic impacts on not just Flower Mound, but the entire DFW metroplex.

3) The Environmental Assessment for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. There was no analysis of how drilling, fracking or wastewater injections could potentially impact the Woodbine, Trinity or Paluxy aquifers in relation to this parcel. The EA does not address the soils or the geology regarding this Lake Lewisville parcel, among other things. Additionally, the ecosystem of Lake Lewisville is vital to our community. There are countless species that would potentially be directly impacted by the introduction of drilling, fracking and the byproducts created by the process. BLM's offer of this parcel is unlawful as it fails to sufficiently address the above issues as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Please pull this parcel from the April 20, 2016 auction and do not relist this parcel until the aforementioned concerns are investigated and addresses. Please do not put the health and safety of the region of my family and countless others at risk.

Sincerely,

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