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Protest

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Sent by fax to (505) 954-2010.

Re: NM-201604-043 258.90 Acres
TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524;
Denton County, Tulsa FO
CORP OF ENGINEERS, LAKE LEWISVILLE PROJECT

As individual home owners and citizens of Denton, Texas, we protest the captioned project for the following reasons:

Lake Lewisville is our city's principal drinking water reservoir. We are much concerned about any diminution of the purity of the water taken to prepare for our use by our city, since there is real danger that the toxic chemicals routinely used in the proposed drilling and fracking processes certainly could poison our water if a procedure failed. What is true of Denton also is true of many other cities in North Texas. While the environmental assessment, on pdf page 57, claims danger to aquifers and drinking water should be greatly reduced by following BLM and state regulations, that is not the experience of many in north Texas, as reported February 9, 2016 on WFAA television. (See "Drilling Records Suggest Lax State Enforcement," which refers to work of experts at UT-Arlington, at <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/investigates/rules-ignored-water-fouled-in-barnett-shale/38337835>.)

We also know that earthquakes continue to occur in this area and in Oklahoma and have been found by USGS and many university seismologists to be associated with fracking and associated injection disposal wells. These quakes have caused damages to dwellings, government buildings, and businesses. Moreover, we have been told that "insurance companies will not cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production activities." A text search of the environmental assessment finds that it says nothing about earthquakes or seismological investigations.

Furthermore, we have been told that "Oil and gas exploration and production on or under mortgaged properties violates provisions of federally-insured mortgage loans issued by VHA, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and other federal agencies, and can result in loans being called leading to forced foreclosures for people who receive no benefits from the oil and gas production."

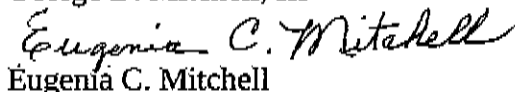
Last but not least, we know that "The Lake Lewisville lease parcels are very close to developed residential communities that would be harmed by the non-stop heavy industrial process starting with padsite preparation and continuing through well completion without benefit to local residents and possible reductions of their real property values."

We look forward to your removing these parcels from the auction.

Sincerely,



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