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Ms Amy Leuders  
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P.O. Box 27115  
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Dear Ms. Leuders,

This letter serves as a protest of the Bureau of Land Management's 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 (also marked as MN-201603-44 on EA p.17/101) covering a total of 258.9 acres on Lewisville Lake.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself. My name is Regina Leon and I live at 5808 Encore Drive, Dallas, TX 75240 and can be reached at 972-387-3833.

Lake Lewisville is one of Dallas' major water supplies and my home uses water from that lake.

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:

1. 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.
2. Drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the dam embankment or cause a breach. A major breach could put 430,000 downstream at risk of flooding and be a loss of our local water supply.
3. The whooping crane and the least interior tern are on the endangered species list and have been seen on Lewisville Lake (see DFW Urban Wildlife website)
4. A presentation by Anita Branch of the Army Corps of Engineers in 2013 identified new issues of concern in the relationship to dams and drilling. These issues include induced seismicity (earthquakes), the transmission of fracking fluids outside the target zone via natural faults underground, and the disposal of flowback water raising the potential for ground and surface water contamination.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proposed lease sale is substantially and procedurally flawed. There was no analysis of how drilling, fracking, or wastewater injection could 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 along with other important issues. Therefore, 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 auction, and please do not put me or my family's water, health, and well-being at risk.

Sincerely,

Regina Leon

