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SANTA FE, NM 87508

Bureau of Land Management

New Mexico State Office

301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re: Environment Assessment DOI-BLM-NM-040-2015-61-EA

April 2016 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

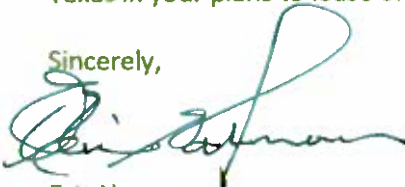
To whom it may concern,

My wife, Mary Harmon and I are opposed to the sale or lease of land in Denton County, Texas, specifically, parcels NM-201-604-044 (TR F519;F520A;F520B; TR 524).

The land specified within the above referenced environmental assessment surrounds a portion of Lake Lewisville and within a distance of two miles from my home in Hickory Creek, Texas. The general practice of drilling is of little concern to us while the process of "Fracking" is. Though your geologist has concluded that there is a minimum risk to ground water infiltration by the chemical injection process there is no guarantee that it couldn't occur when unknown factors arise. Seismic activity due to fracking may also be looked at as "not probable", but it cannot be completely excluded, considering the earthquakes currently being experienced in areas of Oklahoma and Texas where fracking is prevalent. Our home is over sixty years old, as are most structures in our neighborhood and we have a mixture of pier-and-beam as well as slab foundations. Accelerated ground shift due to fracking through seismic activity is not an impossibility and is a risk I would ask you not to pass along to our population that adjoins the land you wish to lease or sell. The BLM have been good neighbors, let's keep it that way.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to exclude the land identified within Denton County, Texas in your plans to lease or sell this April.

Sincerely,



Eric Harmon

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Hickory Creek, Texas 75065



Mary Harmon

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