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To whom it may concern,

As a resident in the area of Lake Lewisville, and one who receives his drinking water from it, please let this notice stand as my official protest to the auctioning of mineral rights for the purpose of hydraulic fracturing under parcel NM-201604-043, TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524; in Denton County.

The qualified reasons for my protest are as follows.

- Lake Lewisville serves as the primary drinking water reservoir for Dallas and much of North Texas.
- Contamination of Lake Lewisville by toxic, carcinogenic and/or neurotoxic chemicals used in the drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes would render Lake Lewisville water undrinkable with considerable negative consequences for the entire North Texas region.
- Earthquakes associated with hydraulic fracturing and wastewater injection well disposal have been shown by USGS seismologists, as well as seismologists from numerous major universities, to have occurred in Oklahoma, as well as in Irving, Dallas, Azle, Reno, Springtown and other North Texas cities resulting in structural damage to homes, municipal buildings and commercial structures.
- According to the Army Corps of Engineers, the dam at Lewisville Lake has known structural deficiencies and is ranked as "Dam Safety Action Class 2." Any potential increase in seismic activity could further exacerbate its condition with disastrous results for cities to the south, mine included.
- Insurance companies will not cover structure damages caused by man-made earthquakes associated with oil and gas production activities.

- 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.
- The lease rates in the bid proposal offer public property at rates far below fair market value and defraud citizens of appropriate revenues from the lease of public property and the sale of publicly-owned minerals.
- 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 pad site preparation and continuing through well completion without benefit to local residents and possible reductions of their real property values.

For the above stated reasons, the public's health, safety, peace of mind, and financial security should be placed above the profits of private corporations and the Federal Government.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Phillips

Concerned Resident