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Bureau Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87500

RE: Protest the Auction of Gas Drilling Rights at Lake Lewisville, TX
Reference Parcel # NM-201604-043

I am sending this letter to BLM to go on record and protest the auctioning of gas drilling rights under Lake Lewisville, TX.

As a homeowner who lives right beside the Lake, I was surprised and appalled that we were not formally informed by the Corps of Engineers or by BLM of the auction that is to take place in April. Any form of drilling will affect anyone who lives by the Lake. And, since no extensive study has been conducted on the possible ramifications of any form of drilling, it would be hasty to auction rights for drilling purposes.

Please consider the following:

- 1) Since Lake Lewisville is a source for drinking and irrigation water – how will gas drilling affect the water source? Has there been any studies presented to the surrounding communities about potential contamination?
- 2) What about the aquatic life at Lake Lewisville? It just seems to me that gas drilling and water just do not mix. I suspect that some, if not most, aquatic life will be adversely affected.
- 3) As evident in many areas in TX & OK experiencing earthquakes because of fracking, what happens when earthquakes or seismic instability were to happen right at Lake Lewisville. Will this spur some tide effect?
- 4) Currently, the dam at Lake Lewisville is barely stable. How will drilling adversely affect the dam?
- 5) Has anyone in BLM ever visited Lake Lewisville and its surrounding parks during the weekend? Did they tell the thousands of people that the Lake they use for recreational swimming & fishing will be used as a gas drill site? I am sure they will be in an uproar and upset. This could jeopardize their health!

I am asking BLM to reconsider their decision to auction rights for gas drilling until: (1) the citizens who live in the area have been sufficiently notified; (2) studies are presented to the citizens on the potential effects of drilling; and, (3) hold open forums so all constituents can be heard. Right now, everything about the auction of gas rights appears hasty, covert and irresponsible.

Thank you for your kind attention.



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