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RE: Proposed Gas Drilling Under Lewisville (Texas) Lake

Gentlemen:

Let me start by asking quite frankly: Are you nuts?

Lewisville Lake Dam is ranked the eighth most hazardous by the Army Corps of Engineers. In December 2015, the Dallas Morning News ran a story about what would happen if the dam gave way: a wall of water 30 feet high heading toward Dallas, an potential 500,000 deaths, and the city under ten feet of water.

A couple of days ago Oklahoma had a 5.2 earthquake, possibly linked to drilling activity.

I have lived in Lewisville since 1983. For 25 of those years, there was never an earthquake. Within the past seven or eight years, the City of Irving has had 2.0 to 2.5 earthquakes almost every couple of months, again link to drilling activity.

Last year Denton County, Texas, where Lewisville Lake is located, put a proposition on the ballot to ban drilling. The State of Texas, backed by and paid off by big oil interests, ruled that only the State can control drilling, the people affected by noxious fumes and earthquakes be damned.

So here we go again. Norwood Land Services, a shell company for investors who don't want to be publicly identified and derided for their thoughtlessness, wants to bid on leases to drill at Lewisville Lake, the source of drinking water for millions of people. They don't care if the dam is breached and 500,000 people are killed. They don't care about potential earthquakes in an area that has not had one directly. They don't care that gas drilling was not factored into the design of Lewisville Lake. They don't care about fumes that could potentially cause cancer or harm unborn children.

They do care about money.

Recently there was an earthquake in Thailand resulting in an apartment building collapse. The government immediately arrested those involved in the construction of the apartment and charged them with the deaths of those killed.

In the event of a dam breach at Lewisville Lake as a result of this drilling, I will be demanding that the same happen here to everyone involved in the approval and drilling process.

It is a shame that the voices of the residents of Denton County and Lewisville cannot rise above the interests of Big Oil.

It is a shame that these leases are allowed in the first place near populated areas.

It is a shame that local residents' drinking water is put in danger.

It is a shame that the lives of 500,000 people are potentially put at risk in the event of a dam breach.

Therefore I am making a public protest about drilling on the 259 acres at or near Lewisville Lake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron J. Brodt', written in a cursive style.

Ronald J. Brodt