

Ms. Amy Lueders
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

Via Fax: (505) 954-2010

February 19, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Lueders:

I am filing this Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 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**, covering a total of **258.9 acres**. **The proposed parcel is on/adjacent to Lewisville Lake.**

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself. My name is Susan Read and I live at 525 W. Westchester Parkway in Grand Prairie, TX and I can be reached at (972) 679-6764. My email is readltd@gmail.com.

I live in Dallas County and drink water from Dallas water supplies.

The reasons I feel I am an affected party by the auction of the 10-year mineral lease on the property are due to the following concerns:

1) Communities in Dallas County, Texas (including Grand Prairie, TX) obtain their drinking water supply from Lake Lewisville. I am seriously 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) I am also concerned about **the potential for increased seismicity (earthquakes)** from added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161-foot long, 23-foot wide slide on an earthen embankment this past spring. Additional drilling or the migration of drilling fluids along existing fault areas below the lake could negatively impact the integrity of the dam's infrastructure.

The Environmental Assessment 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).

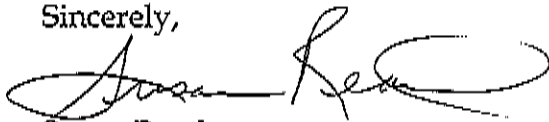
Please pull this parcel from the April 20 auction. Please do not place my community's water, health, and well-being at risk.

IMPORTANT: Our community (Westchester in south Grand Prairie, TX) fought a very long battle from 2010-2014 regarding drilling within 3,000 Ft. of the Joe Pool Lake Dam. The Army Corps of Engineers began a national study in early 2011 because of our efforts and communication with the Southwest District of USACE in December 2010. To our knowledge, this National Study on drilling and fracking near federally controlled dams has not been released yet.

Not knowing the contents of this National Study should be Reason #1 for pulling the 258.9 acres surrounding the Lewisville Lake from the gas lease sale.

Thank you for your serious consideration of these concerns. Feel free to contact me at (972) 679-6764 with any questions about the issues I have raised with this correspondence.

Sincerely,



Susan Read

Member, Westchester-Grand Prairie Community Alliance

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