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Dear Ms. Leuders:

please see the attached message opposing any drilling in Lake Lewisville.

Amy Leuders

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Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115

February 15, 2016

Re: Protest of April 20, 2016 Lease Sale

Dear Ms. Leuders:

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 (also marked as MN-201603-44 on EA p. 17/101) covering a total of 258.9 acres on Lewisville Lake. I am filing this protest on behalf of [myself, my family and fellow naturalist friends in Denton and Tarrant counties. As a current resident in Colleyville, TX and former 10 year resident in Lewisville, TX] am very concerned that these leases will contribute to water and air contamination in Lake Lewisville and nearby areas. Lake Lewisville and the areas around it are places where I frequently hike, bicycle, swim, canoe, picnic and watch wildlife.

I am 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 public water wells. I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lake Lewisville. The Lewisville dam is currently under repair after a 161-footlong, 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 dam embankment or cause a breach. A major breach could put 4310,000 residents downstream at risk of flooding and be a loss of our local water supply. Compounding my concerns are the many areas in the U.S. experiencing seismic abnormalities, water well contamination, worsened air quality and noise pollution.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) 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.

Feel free to contract me if you have any questions, comments or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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