

To: Dr, John Lyon
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RE: Protest of the Bureau of Land Management's Notice of
Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale Concerning
Parcels in Perry, Gallia,
and Athens Counties, Ohio

Hello Dr. Lyon

I hereby protest the agency's planned offering of ES-041-12/11, OHES 57244 ACQ (528.15 acres, Perry County); ES-042-12/11, OHES 57245 (150.65 acres, Gallia County); ES-043-12/11, OHES 57246 ACQ (264.93 acres, Athens County); ES-044-12/11, OHES 57247 (1,238.06 acres Athens County); and ES-045-12/11, OHES 57248 ACQ (1,120.58 acres, Athens County) at the December 7, 2011 lease sale in accordance with 43 CFR 3120.1-3. The five parcels are publicly owned lands of the Wayne National Forest, and will hereinafter be reformed to as parcels 41, 42 , 43, 44, and 45 respectively.

Horizontal Fracking has wreaked havoc everywhere It's been used all across America, despite the propaganda put forth by the industry. Moreover the shale in this vicinity is barely viable for the hyped up gas/oil boom mentality, which is pumped up on venues such as Fox News. The proposed drilling in Athens County near Nelsonville is upstream from the drinking water for a substantial area downstream. THIS IS AT BEST, A GRAVE OVERSIGHT ON THE PART OF THE DISTRICT FOREST SERVICE, given the distinct possibility that SOME of the MILLIONS of gallons chemical/irradiated fluids used in this type of drilling operation could contaminate said drinking water. For this reason alone, I urge you and your organization to withdraw these proposed leases.

Thank you for listening,

Respectfully Yours,

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