

February 15, 2016

Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State University
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

RE: Auction of parcels near Lake Lewisville, Hickory Creek in Denton County, Texas

To whom it may concern,

I urge you to refrain from auctioning parcels of land on the north side of Lake Lewisville in Denton County, Texas for gas or oil drilling.

Families, businesses and recreation rely on a healthy lake for drinking water and could be greatly impacted by fracking near the lake, contaminating our drinking water with chemicals used in the fracking process.

There is a history of accidents at gas drilling sites releasing chemicals, either by human error or mechanical failure, that no one would want in drinking water. These have occurred in Texas and across the U.S. And, there is a history of subsurface contamination from failed, flawed or improperly-cased vertical well drillings.

Such problems can introduce volatile organic compounds and other contaminants into important aquifers, and affect the health of our communities through our drinking water, catching and consuming fish caught in a lake or nearby river, or during lake recreational activities.

Additionally, fracking can lead to leaks of benzene and other toxins in North Texas where we have some of the worst air quality in the entire country. According to the American Lung Association, Denton County receives an F rating in ozone air quality and below an F for particulate pollution over 24 hours and particle pollution annually.

Please make the choice that will consider the long term effects of increasing drilling operations in one of the fastest growing parts of the country that must protect our water resources. Say no to auctioning 259 acres of U.S. Army Corp property near Lake Lewisville.

Thank you,
Mary Infante
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