

Amy Lueders

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

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SANTA FE, NM

February 15, 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, and or, adjacent to Lewisville Lake, in Denton County, Texas.

I am filing this protest on behalf of myself and my family. My name is Mr. Kambiz Nuban and I live at 6305 Day Spring Drive, The Colony, Texas, 75056 (Denton County). I can also be reached at 214-738-5548, and my email is tknuban@mail.com.

My family and I live within 5 miles of Lewisville Lake. I have a 15 year old son and a 13 year old daughter. As a family we have enjoyed camping, fishing and other recreational activities on Lewisville Lake. In addition to recreational activities and benefiting from living so close to a beautiful body of water, we also get a portion of our drinking water from Lewisville Lake (sources of drinking water for The Colony, Texas include: wells and purchasing drinking water from The City of Dallas, which is supplied by water from Lewisville Lake).

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

1) The Colony obtains a portion of its drinking water supply from Lewisville Lake and public water wells near the lake. I am worried about the contamination of our drinking water through possible drilling runoff from the site. The possible migration of contaminants through aquifers could also impair our public water wells.

2) I am also concerned about the potential for increased seismicity from added drilling in and around Lewisville Lake. 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.

3) In addition to the potential hazard to the dam, the likely increased seismic activity would be a risk to my home and property. We have seen and continue to get reports of increased seismic activity that may be associated with gas and oil drilling / fracking sites. The threats of earthquakes and damage may currently be unknown; however, the increased association of seismic activity and drilling is a risk that I am unwilling to take and do not want to have my family and community subjected to.

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 Environmental Assessment does not address the soils or the geology regarding this Lewisville Lake 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, 2016 auction. Do not put my family's water, health, and well-being at risk.

Sincerely,



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P.S.

A COPY OF THIS LETTER WAS ALSO SENT TO THE
BLM, P.O. BOX 27115 ADDRESS. I HAD 2
ADDRESSES, SO I SENT IT TO BOTH.

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