

February 10, 2016

NOTICE OF PROTEST

State Director
Bureau of Land Management
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

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**Re: 15 NM-201604-043 258.90Acres TX TR F-519; TR F-520A; TR F-520B; TR F-524;
Denton County Tulsa FO CORP OF ENGINEERS LAKE LEWISVILLE PROJECT
NO PRIOR LEASES**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I wish to protest drilling under Lake Lewisville as I believe it will endanger my water quality and will lead to earthquakes in my neighborhood as has been shown by the new and frequent earthquakes in areas surrounding the Dallas-Fort Worth area in the recent past wherein fracking has been taking place. I note the following to support my protest:

Rita Beving, of the Clean Water Fund, said her group looked at all Texas properties listed in the upcoming sale. She wants mitigating factors to protect the environment and critical habitat for endangered species as well,

The environmental assessment done was not acceptable, Beving said, as it was done in a more global, cursory nature. "We have every right to ask officials what analysis they've done that shows this won't affect the water," she said.

The Center for Biological Diversity is working to stop drilling on all public lands. "[Public lands] shouldn't be for sale to the highest bidder," Park said. "Protecting the public should be a top priority. At a minimum, they have to do a proper and full environmental review."

The environmental assessment provided by BLM does not mention the lake's "integrity problems", Park said; and, she is concerned with drilling affecting the drinking water supply for the City of Dallas and other numerous North Texas cities.

Lewisville Lake has been the subject of recent news reports including the LTJ regarding dam deficiencies. Park is concerned that the fracking process for horizontal wells under the lake could cause increased seismic activity-- a concern echoed by Beving. She worries that either fracking, or any possible wastewater disposal that might occur in the vicinity could weaken the dam and cause a breach.

The Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter echoed the concerns of the others. Cyrus Reed, the group's conservation director, emphasized his concerns about water contamination. He thinks contamination could happen if a well's cementing or casing were to fail or if a spill were to occur. "Any oil and gas development near a reservoir does have the potential to lead to water contamination if not managed correctly," Reed said.

In a recent story posted by WFAA titled, *Drilling Records Suggest Lax State Enforcement*, Brett Shipp reported the following:

"The University of Texas at Arlington, which operates a world-class environmental laboratory, has undertaken two major studies sampling hundreds of water wells throughout the Barnett and found pollutants consistent with drilling. Since 2013, WFAA has investigated how private water wells in rural sections of the Barnett Shale gas field have ended up contaminated. What we found is a pattern of drillers failing to properly cement their natural gas wells." (<http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/investigates/rules-ignored-water-fouled-in-barnett-shale/38337835>)

I understand this office will forward my protest to the appropriate director.

Very truly yours,

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