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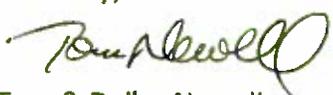
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to Protest the opening of Parcel #43 for oil and gas exploration in the middle Lewisville Lake, Texas. There are far too many questions surrounding fracking technology and the impact it has had in our area. And the integrity of the Lewisville Lake Dam is another major concern to all of us living in this area. As a major water source for our area we feel it is irresponsible to risk contamination or potential drilling accidents nearby. Seismic activity caused by drilling is too risky for the dam under its current condition. The Army Corps of Engineers has rated the dam as the eighth most hazardous in the United States.

The fact that no local notice has been published does not provide transparency by the Federal Government to the general public. Our neighbors and fellow citizens are highly concerned about this proposed action. We respectfully request the lease of Parcel #43 be removed from the April 20, 2016 auction.

Sincerely,

Tom & Dallas Newell
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