



California isn't the USA's only earthquake hot-zone anymore.

7 million people in the central and eastern U.S. live where damaging man-made earthquakes are likely to occur, according to a first-of-its-kind report released Monday by federal scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Colorado, New Mexico and Arkansas are the most at-risk states from man-made quakes, according to the report.

The chance of damage from earthquakes in some of these states equals that of natural earthquakes in high-hazard areas of California.

“By including human-induced events, our assessment of earthquake hazards has significantly increased in parts of the U.S.,” said Mark Petersen, head of the U.S.G.S. National Seismic Hazard Mapping Project.

**Earthquakes can be triggered by human activities, with wastewater disposal from the fracking process being the primary cause for recent events in many areas, the U.S.G.S. report said.**

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