

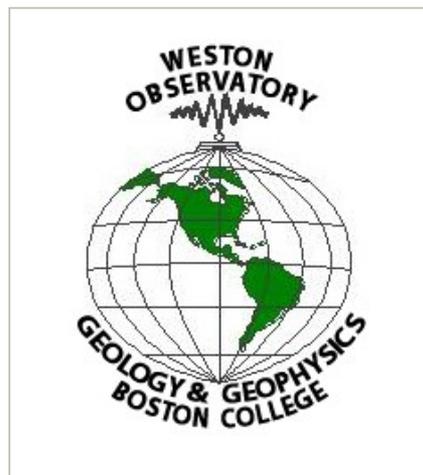
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# A STUDY OF NEW ENGLAND SEISMICITY

Quarterly Earthquake Report

April-June, 2005

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## Introduction

The New England Seismic Network (NESN) is operated by the Weston Observatory (WES) of Boston College. The mission of the NESN is to operate and maintain a regional seismic network with digital recording of seismic ground motions for the following purposes: 1) to determine the location and magnitude of earthquakes in and adjacent to New England and report felt events to public safety agencies, 2) to define the crust and upper mantle structure of the northeastern United

States, 3) to derive the source parameters of New England earthquakes, and 4) to estimate the seismic hazard in the area.

This report summarizes the work of the NESN for the period April-June, 2005. It includes a brief summary of the network's equipment and operation, and a short discussion of data management procedures. A list of participating personnel is given in Table 1. There were 10 earthquakes that occurred within or near the network during this reporting period. Phase information for these earthquakes is included in this report.

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## Current Network Operation and Status

The New England Seismic Network of Weston Observatory of Boston College currently consists of 12 broadband three-component and 8 analog strong-motion stations. The coordinates of the stations are given in Table 2, and maps of the weak- and strong-motion networks are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The 12 stations consist of Guralp CMG-40T three-component sensors. Ground motions recorded by these sensors are digitized at 100 sps with 16-bit resolution. Additional gain-ranging provides 126 dB dynamic range. These stations are operated in dialup mode with waveform segments of suspected events transmitted in digital mode to Weston Observatory for analysis and archiving. WES also maintains 8 SMA-1 strong-motion instruments in New England.

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## Seismicity

There were 10 earthquakes that occurred in or adjacent to the NESN during this reporting period. A summary of the location data is given in Table 3. Figure 3 shows the locations of these events. Figure 4 shows the locations of all events since the beginning of network operation in October, 1975.

Table 4 gives the station phase data and detailed hypocenter data for each event listed in Table 3. In addition to NESN data, arrival time and magnitude data sometimes are contributed for seismic stations operated by the [Geological Survey of Canada \(GSC\)](#), the [Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network](#), and the [US National Seismic Network](#). Final locations for this section were computed using the program HYPO78. For regional events (those too far from the NESN to obtain accurate locations and magnitudes) phase data are given for NESN stations, but the entry in Table 3 lists the hypocenter and geographic location information adopted from the authoritative network. Accordingly, the epicenter is plotted on the maps using the entry from Table 3.

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## Data Management

Recent event locations are available at [http://aki.bc.edu/cgi-bin/NESN/recent\\_events.pl](http://aki.bc.edu/cgi-bin/NESN/recent_events.pl). Waveform data are saved in Nanometrics, ASCII, and SEED formats and are available by contacting, Anastasia Macherides Moulis, via email. Earthquake lists can be found at [www.bc.edu/research/westonobservatory/northeast/eqcatalogs/](http://www.bc.edu/research/westonobservatory/northeast/eqcatalogs/). Currently available on the Weston Observatory web page is the full catalog of northeastern U.S. earthquake activity to the present time. This will be updated as new Northeastern U.S. Seismic Network Quarterly Earthquake Reports are produced.

For more information on matters discussed in this report or general earthquake information (reports, maps, catalogs, etc.) consult our web site [www.bc.edu/westonobservatory](http://www.bc.edu/westonobservatory) or contact:

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## Explanation of Tables

Table 1: List of personnel operating the NESN

Table 2: List of Seismic and Strong Motion Stations

1. Code = station name
2. Lat = station latitude, degrees north
3. Long = station longitude, degrees west
4. Elev = station elevation in meters
5. Location = geographic location
6. Operator = network operator

Table 3: Earthquake Hypocenter List

1. Date = date event occurred, Yr (year)/Mo (month)/Dy (day)
2. Time = origin time of event, Hr (hour):Mn (minute):Sec (second)  
in UCT (Universal Coordinated Time, same as Greenwich Mean Time)
3. Lat = event location, latitude north in degrees
4. Long = event location, longitude west in degrees
5. Depth = event depth in kilometers
6. Mag = event magnitude
7. Int = event epicentral intensity
8. Location = event geographic location

Table 4: Earthquake detailed hypocenter and phase data list

Table Header: detailed hypocenter data

1. Geographic location
2. DATE = date event occurred, yr/mo/dy (year/month/day)
3. ORIGIN = event origin time (UCT) in hours, minutes, and seconds
4. LAT N = latitude north in degrees and minutes
5. LONG W = longitude west in degrees and minutes
6. DEPTH = event depth in kilometers
7. MN = Nuttli Lg phase magnitude with amplitude divided by period
8. MC = signal duration (coda) magnitude

WES:  $2.23 \text{ Log(FMP)} + 0.12 \text{ Log(Dist)} - 2.36$  (Rosario, 1979 )  
MIT:  $2.21 \text{ Log(FMP)} - 1.7$  (Chaplin *et al.*, 1980)

9. ML = local magnitude

WES: calculated from Wood-Anderson seismograms (Ebel, 1982)  
GSC (Geological Survey of Canada): Richter Lg magnitude

10. GAP = largest azimuthal separation, in degrees, between stations
11. RMS = root mean square error of travel time residual in seconds
12. ERH = standard error of epicenter in kilometers
13. ERZ = standard error of event depth in kilometers
14. Q = solution quality of hypocenter

A = excellent  
B = good  
C = fair  
D = poor

Table Body: earthquake phase data

1. STN = station name
2. DIST = epicentral distance in kilometers
3. AZM = azimuthal angle in degrees measured clockwise between true north and vector pointing from epicenter to station
4. Description of onset of phase arrival

I = impulsive  
E = emergent

5. R = phase

P = first P arrival  
S = first S arrival

6. M = first motion direction of phase arrival

U = up or compression  
D = down or dilatation

7. K = weight of arrival

0 = full weight (1.0)  
1 = 0.75 weight  
2 = 0.50 weight  
3 = 0.25 weight  
4 = no weight (0.0)

8. HRMN = hour and minute of phase arrival

9. SEC = second of phase arrival

10. TCAL = calculated travel time of phase in seconds

11. RES = travel time residual (error) of phase arrival

12. WT = weight of phase used in hypocentral solution

13. AMX = peak-to-peak ground motion, in millimicrons, of the maximum envelope amplitude of vertical-component signal, corrected for system response

14. PRX = period in seconds of the signal from which amplitude was measured

15. XMAG = Nuttli magnitude recorded at station

16. FMP = signal duration (coda), in seconds, measured from first P arrival

17. FMAG = coda magnitude recorded at station

Table 5: Microearthquakes and other non-locatable events

1. Date = date event occurred, Yr (year)/Mo (month)/Dy (day)
2. Sta = nearest station recording event
3. Arrival Time = phase arrival time, Hr (hour):Mn (minute):Sec (second)

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TABLE 1

WESTON OBSERVATORY PERSONNEL

Name	Network Position	voice phone	email address
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Weston Observatory		617-552-8300	
		617-552-8388 (FAX)	

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TABLE 2

SEISMIC STATIONS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SEISMIC NETWORK

WES43.7050-72.3525Belchertown, MATroy, NYWESUMMWES42.3850WESYLEPQI46.6710

Code	Lat	Long	Elev (m)	Location	Operator
BCX *	42.3350	-71.1705	61.0	Chestnut Hill, MA	WES
BRYW	41.9178	-71.5388	380.0	Smithfield, RI	WES
FFD	43.4702	-71.6533	131.0	Franklin Falls Dam, NH	
HNH	-72.2860	180.0	Hanover, NH	WES	
QUA2	42.2789	168.0	WES		
TRY	42.7311	-73.6669	131.0		
44.7100	-67.4583	35.0	Machias, ME	WES	
VT1	44.3317	-72.7536	410.0	Waterbury, VT	WES
-71.3220	60.0	Weston, MA	WES		
WVL	44.5648	-69.6575	85.0	Waterville, ME	
41.3100	-72.9269	10.0	New Haven, CT	WES	
-68.0168	175.0	Presque Isle, ME	WES		

\* = not in operation during this quarter

STRONG MOTION STATIONS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SEISMIC NETWORK

SM2-73.10Newport, RISM4-71.30WESSM742.39-71.54WES

Code	Lat	Long	Location	Operator
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SM1	44.90	-67.25	Dennysville, ME	WES
44.49	Essex Junction, VT	WES		
SM3	41.45	-71.33	WES	
42.38	-71.32	Weston, MA	WES	
SM5	42.66	Lowell, MA		
SM6	42.30	-71.34	Natick, MA	WES
Hudson, MA	WES			
SM8	44.48	-69.61	North Vassalboro, ME	

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TABLE 3

NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

April-June, 2005

Date	Time (UTC)	Lat	Long	Depth	Mag Int	Location
M/D/Y	Hr:Mn:Sec			(km)		
04/05/2005	22:01:02.44	41.722	-70.095	9.99	2.3	MA, 9.6KM (6MI) NORTH OF NEW BEDFORD
04/08/2005	04:32:39.47	46.440	-73.532	9.86	3.0	QB, 18KM (11MI) NW OF ST-GABRIEL
04/10/2005	03:06:52.59	43.7137	-71.1505	7.17	1.5	NH,4KM (2.5MI) NW OF OSSIPEE
04/17/2005	00:18:38.12	44.8358	-73.7392	10.21	2.1	NY,27KM (16.8MI) NW OF PLATSBURG
04/23/2005	14:24:51.86	40.8953	-74.0640	0.60	2.4	NJ,10KM (6.2MI) ESE OF PATERSON
05/11/2005	02:34:10.45	45.2303	-69.1237	1.15	2.4	ME,9.5KM (6MI) NE OF DOVER-FOXCROFT
05/25/2005	19:22:13.18	46.2918	-75.6123	5.00	3.2	QB,30.5KM (19MI) ESE OF MANIWAKI
05/31/2005	13:49:05.44	44.9440	-74.0847	4.76	2.4	NY,2KM (1.2MI) N OF CHATEAUGAY
06/06/2005	03:13:45.09	44.0928	-72.9920	9.42	1.3	VT,16KM (10MI) NE OF MIDDLEBURY
06/16/2005	20:55:12.77	47.5645	-65.5587	16.20	2.9	NB,10KM (6.2MI) SE OF BATHURST

\* indicates Mc rather than Mn.

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TABLE 4

EARTHQUAKE PHASE DATA LIST  
NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

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SOUTH & COASTAL NEW ENGLAND, CHIBURIS, 1979
05APR05 MA, 9.6KM (6 MI) NORTH OF NEW BEDFORD
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q
50405 22 1 2.44 41-43.36 70-57.06 9.90 2.3 .0 317 .27 3.4 2.9 C
STN DIST AZM RMK HRMN SEC TOBS TCAL RES WT AMX PRX XMAG FMP FMAG
BRY 53.5 294 EP 0 22 1 11.11 8.67 9.03 -.42 1.02 120 .10 2.1
WES 79.7 337 EP 0 22 1 15.77 13.33 13.19 .13 1.06 100 .10 2.2
HRV 100.5 330 EP 0 22 1 19.10 16.66 16.35 .28 .98
QUA2 131.5 298 EP 0 22 1 23.74 21.30 21.06 .21 .93 124 .18 2.5
HNH 245.9 334 EP 4 22 1 39.56 37.12 35.97 1.12 .00
ES 4 22 1 72.11 69.67 64.02 5.60 .00

B5408A.XX
NORTHERN NY AND ADIRONDACKS
05APR08 CANADA, 18KM (11MI) NW OF ST-GABRIEL, QUEBEC
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q
50408 432 39.47 46-26.42 73-31.97 9.86 3.0 3.3 133 .50 1.9 3.2 D
STN DIST AZM RMK HRMN SEC TOBS TCAL RES WT AMX PRX XMAG FMP FMAG
DAQ 242.5 46 P 1 433 15.49 36.02 35.31 .55 1.52
A54 263.2 65 P 0 433 17.44 37.97 37.86 .04 1.93
A11 269.8 71 P 1 433 18.61 39.14 38.67 .46 1.40
LMQ 273.2 63 P 0 433 18.50 39.03 39.09 -.14 1.86
NCB 279.7 191 IP 3 433 17.09 37.62 39.90 -2.38 .02
A16 291.3 67 P 3 433 22.70 43.23 41.33 1.90 .11
A61 296.1 62 P 0 433 21.40 41.93 41.92 -.01 1.71
CRLO 300.3 261 P 1 433 21.62 42.15 42.44 -.32 1.26
A64 316.6 61 P 1 433 23.66 44.19 44.44 -.28 1.18
HNH 319.4 162 EP 3 433 25.27 45.80 44.80 .97 .36 100 .15 3.2 187 3.2
A21 323.8 64 P 4 433 27.51 48.04 45.34 2.69 .00
KGNO 338.2 223 P 2 433 25.42 45.95 47.12 -1.19 .62
VLDQ 350.0 302 P 4 433 32.67 53.20 48.57 4.60 .00
    
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HBVT	103.5	129	EP 0	1349	21.60	16.16	15.93	.17	1.61										
			ES 2	1349	34.72	29.28	28.36	.82	.81										
MIV	106.3	155	EP 0	1349	21.69	16.25	16.35	-.15	1.60										
			ES 0	1349	34.84	29.40	29.10	.21	1.60										
NCB	108.7	186	EPC1	1349	22.05	16.61	16.72	-.21	1.20										
			ES 1	1349	35.06	29.62	29.76	-.32	1.20										
OTT	137.6	291	EP 1	1349	26.82	21.38	21.10	.28	1.12										
			ES 1	1349	43.53	38.09	37.55	.52	1.12										
GAC	138.1	308	EP 1	1349	26.91	21.47	21.17	.29	1.12										
			ES 0	1349	43.28	37.84	37.69	.13	1.49										
TRQ	146.7	346	EP 0	1349	27.92	22.48	22.48	.00	1.46										
			ES 0	1349	45.50	40.06	40.02	.04	1.46										
MOQ	149.8	74	EP 0	1349	28.61	23.17	22.94	.09	1.45										
			ES 0	1349	46.46	41.02	40.84	-.07	1.45										
ACCN	176.5	169	EP 0	1349	32.35	26.91	26.99	-.14	1.35										
			ES 0	1349	53.66	48.22	48.05	.07	1.35										
HNH	198.9	134	EP 3	1349	48.29	42.85	30.37	12.46	.03	48	.17	2.4							
			ES 0	1349	59.47	54.03	54.05	-.07	1.27										
KGNO	207.2	247	EP 3	1349	35.17	29.73	31.39	-1.67	.31										
DPQ	218.1	28	EP 3	1349	37.02	31.58	32.74	-1.16	.30										
FPD	254.2	130	EP 9	1349	57.68	52.24	37.19	-14.85	.00										
			ES 9	1349	71.85	14.17	66.19	-14.85	****										
CRLO	284.8	295	EP 1	1349	46.11	40.67	40.97	-.33	.72										
QUA2	327.5	155	EP 3	1350	20.40	74.96	46.24	28.69	.00										
			ES 4	1350	33.64	88.20	82.31	5.83	.00										
HRV	338.9	143	EP 3	1350	21.61	76.17	47.65	28.49	.00										
			ES 4	1350	36.80	91.36	84.81	6.49	.00										
WVL	353.2	97	ES 4	1350	40.86	95.42	87.96	7.45	.00	11	.14	2.4							
WES	361.2	142	EP 3	1350	21.75	76.31	50.40	25.90	.00	15	.21	2.4							
			ES 4	1350	42.50	97.06	89.72	7.32	.00										
WLVO	361.8	252	ES 1	1349	95.63	90.19	89.85	.32	.51										
A54	397.9	45	EP 3	1349	59.29	53.85	54.94	-1.15	.14										
SADO	399.9	267	EP 3	1349	59.32	53.88	55.18	-1.34	.14										
DAQ	400.4	33	ES 1	1350	44.08	98.64	98.33	.03	.41										
LMQ	409.8	45	EP 3	1350	3.40	57.96	56.40	1.49	.13										
			ES 4	1350	43.62	98.18	100.40	-2.34	.00										
EEO	431.3	296	EP 1	1350	5.10	59.66	59.06	.53	.32										
			ES 2	1350	51.23	105.79	105.12	.54	.21										
A61	433.7	45	EP 2	1350	5.50	60.06	59.35	.70	.21										
			ES 4	1350	47.87	102.43	105.65	-3.23	.00										
VLDQ	437.0	324	EP 4	1350	8.00	62.56	59.76	2.78	.00										
			ES 4	1350	53.30	107.86	106.37	1.45	.00										

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HUGHES AND LUETGERT NH

05JUN06 VT, 16KM (10MI) NE OF MIDDLEBURY

DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MN	MC	ML	GAP	RMS	ERH	ERZ	Q	
50606	313 45.09	44-5.57	72-59.52	9.42	1.3	.0	220	.42	3.9	3.0	C		
STN	DIST AZM	RMK	HRMN	SEC	TOBS	TCAL	RES	WT	AMX	PRX	XMAG	FMP	FMAG
MIV	43.1 267	EP 2	313	53.11	8.02	7.37	.60	.81					
		ES 0	313	58.30	13.21	13.12	.00	1.65					
HNH	71.2 127	EP 0	313	57.09	12.00	11.93	.05	1.56	12	.08	1.3		
		ES 0	313	66.23	21.14	21.23	-.14	1.56					
ACCN	95.8 215	EP 1	314	1.48	16.39	15.85	.48	1.10					
		ES 2	314	12.89	27.80	28.22	-.53	.71					
NCB	99.7 262	P 1	314	1.37	16.28	16.47	-.29	1.09					
		S 3	314	13.42	28.33	29.31	-1.16	.27					
FPD	128.0 123	EP 9	314	6.95	21.86	20.85	-4.76	.00					
		ES 9	314	18.47	11.52	37.12	-4.76	****					
QUA2	208.1 166	EP 4	314	19.93	34.84	31.96	2.86	.00	2	.11	1.3		
		ES 2	314	42.93	57.84	56.88	.91	.51					
HRV	211.2 147	ES 3	314	45.16	60.07	57.55	2.46	.00					
WES	233.3 144	ES 1	314	47.10	62.01	62.42	-.42	.76	3	.15	1.4		

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NORTHWEST MAINE CRUSTAL STRUCTURE

05JUN16 CANADA, 10KM (6.2MI) SE OF BATHURST, NB

DATE	ORIGIN	LAT N	LONG W	DEPTH	MN	MC	ML	GAP	RMS	ERH	ERZ	Q	
50616	2055 12.77	47-33.87	65-33.52	16.20	2.9	3.2	171	.45	1.5	2.6	C		
STN	DIST AZM	RMK	HRMN	SEC	TOBS	TCAL	RES	WT	AMX	PRX	XMAG	FMP	FMAG
GSQ	189.3 322	P 1	2055	41.57	28.80	28.71	.08	1.66					
		S 2	2055	64.54	51.77	51.10	.65	1.09					
LMN	198.9 163	P 0	2055	42.67	29.90	29.89	-.06	2.15					
		S 0	2055	66.25	53.48	53.21	.16	2.15					
PQI	211.4 242	IPD3	2055	42.21	29.44	31.44	-2.03	.351004	.13	3.9	194	3.2	
		S 3	2055	64.61	51.84	55.96	-4.18	.00					
ICQ	251.8 330	P 2	2055	49.75	36.98	36.43	.54	.90					
		S 0	2055	77.85	65.08	64.84	.22	1.83					
CNQ	268.4 316	P 0	2055	51.22	38.45	38.47	-.06	1.73					
		S 2	2055	80.72	67.95	68.48	-.59	.85					
GGN	288.9 200	P 1	2055	53.95	41.18	41.01	.16	1.20					
		S 0	2055	85.62	72.85	73.00	-.17	1.60					
SMQ	307.3 344	P 1	2055	56.43	43.66	43.27	.32	1.12					
		S 2	2055	89.41	76.64	77.02	-.50	.74					
A21	311.1 273	P 3	2055	57.15	44.38	43.74	.62	.36					
		S 1	2055	90.74	77.97	77.86	.09	1.10					
A64	326.5 275	P 3	2055	59.03	46.26	45.65	.59	.34					
		S 2	2055	94.76	81.99	81.25	.70	.68					
A16	335.6 268	P 3	2055	58.10	45.33	46.77	-1.44	.30					
		S 1	2055	96.13	83.36	83.25	.11	.99					
A61	341.2 272	P 4	2055	56.80	44.03	47.46	-3.44	.00					
		S 1	2055	97.39	84.62	84.48	.12	.96					
UMM	349.6 205	EP 3	2056	5.92	53.15	48.50	4.63	.00	281	.20	3.6		
		ES 3	2056	42.19	89.42	86.34	3.06	.03					
LMQ	358.6 270	P 0	2056	2.40	49.63	49.61	-.05	1.17					
		S 0	2056	40.82	88.05	88.30	-.38	1.17					
HAL	359.3 155	P 4	2056	4.37	51.60	49.70	1.89	.00					
		S 3	2056	40.15	87.38	88.46	-1.10	.28					
A54	366.0 268	P 4	2056	5.03	52.26	50.52	1.68	.00					
		S 0	2056	42.56	89.79	89.92	-.25	1.13					
MNQ	405.0 325	P 0	2056	8.11	55.34	55.33	-.09	.89					
		S 3	2056	50.28	97.51	98.49	-1.15	.21					
DAQ	428.1 276	P 4	2056	8.64	55.87	58.19	-2.49	.00					
		S 4	2056	51.17	98.40	103.59	-5.48	.00					
WVL	463.7 223	EP 4	2056	22.32	69.55	62.59	6.95	.00	209	.30	3.6		
		ES 4	2056	75.14	122.37	111.41	10.94	.00					
MOQ	572.6 244	P 4	2056	89.01	136.24	76.02	60.07	.00					
FPD	658.8 226	ES 4	2058	8.70	175.93	154.28	21.61	.00	6	.38	2.3		
HNH	677.9 231	ES 4	2058	16.90	184.13	158.46	25.61	.00	5	.70	2.1		
WES	733.4 218	ES 4	2058	29.00	196.23	170.67	25.54	.00	6	.39	2.5		
HRV	734.7 220	ES 4	2058	35.20	202.43	170.96	31.42	.00					
GRQ	789.3 262	P 4	2056	59.83	107.06	102.78	4.23	.00					
QUA2	795.6 222	ES 4	2058	47.									

## MICROEARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NON-LOCATABLE EVENTS

Date	Sta	Arrival Time
Yr/Mo/Dy		Hr:Mn:Sec
None recorded this period.		

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NESN Station Map

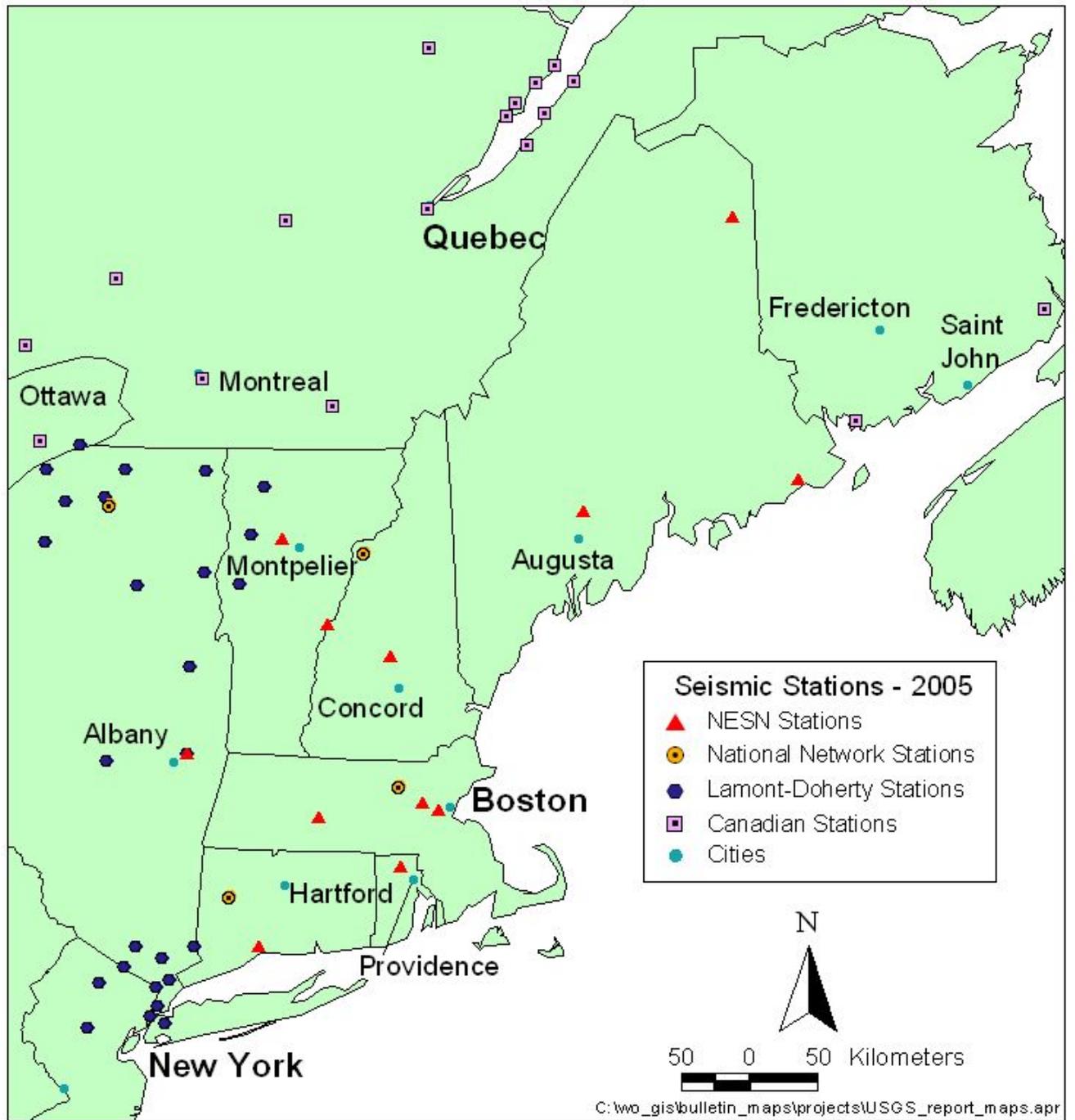


Figure 1: Map of stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during the period of this report. Also included are other Northeast U.S. and Canadian seismic stations in operation during this period.

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### NESN Strong-Motion Station Map

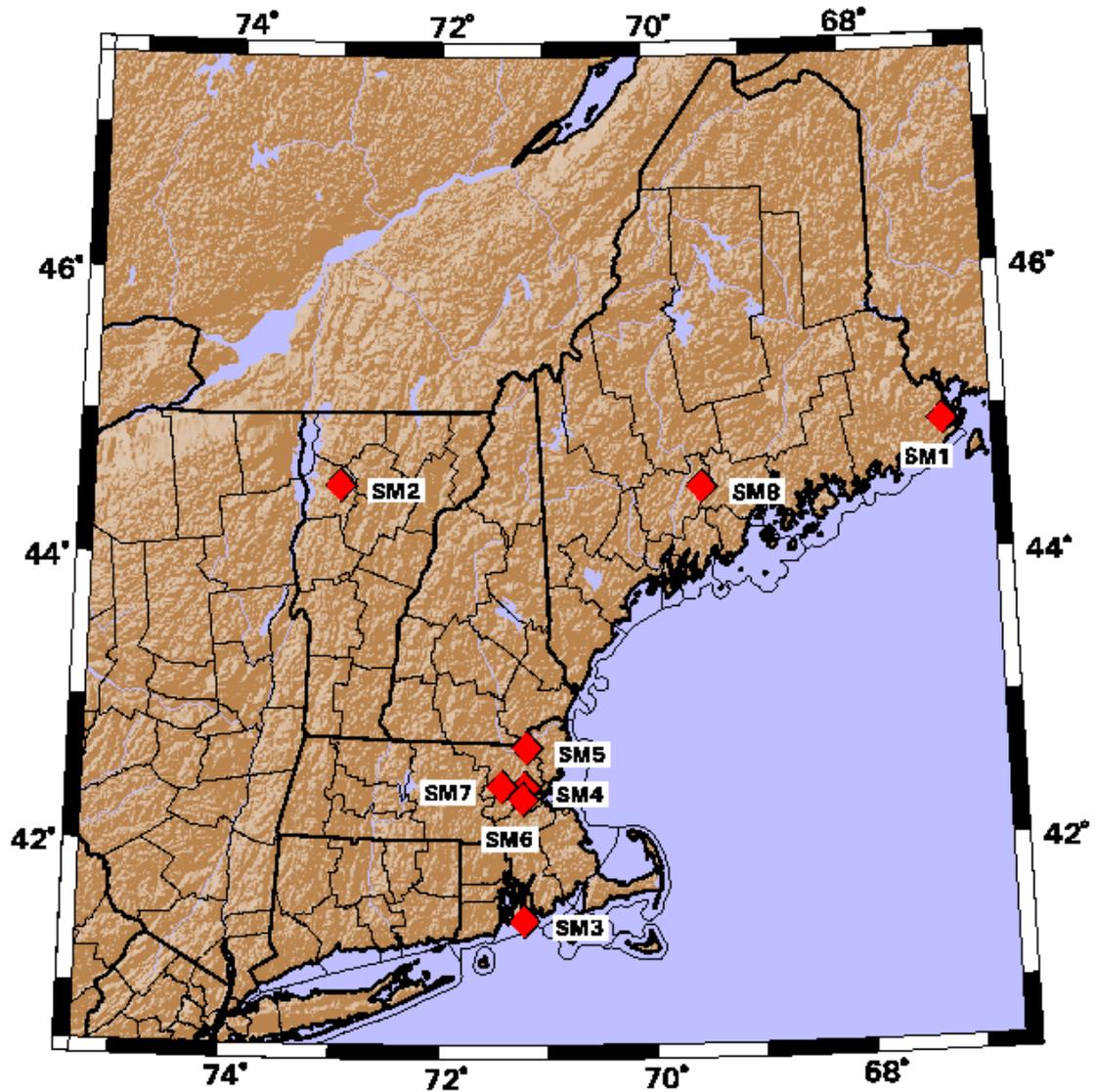


Figure 2: Map of strong-motion stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during the period of this report.

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### NESN Quarterly Seismicity Map

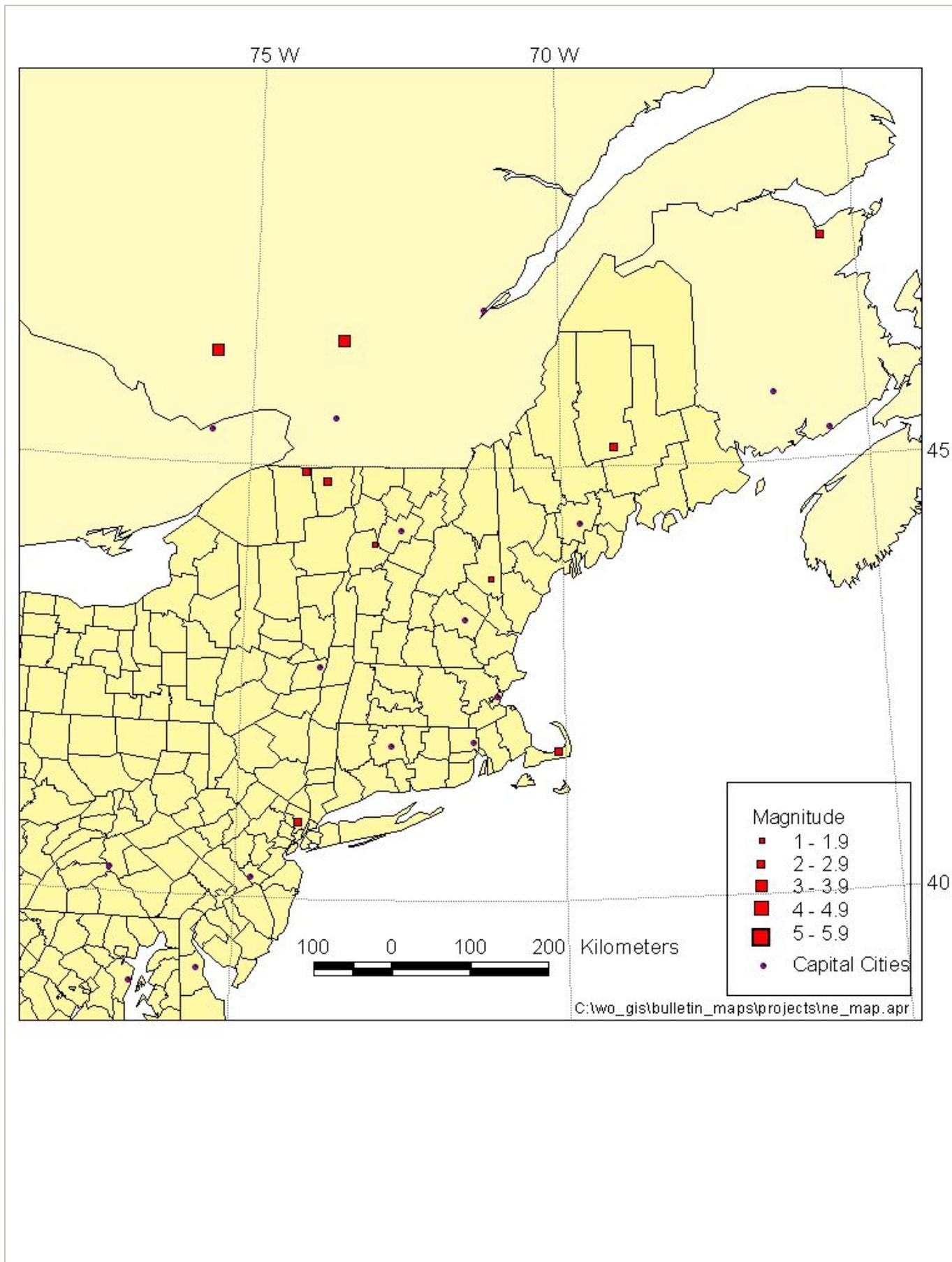


Figure 3: Earthquake epicenters located by the NESN during the period of this report.

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### NESN Cumulative Seismicity Map

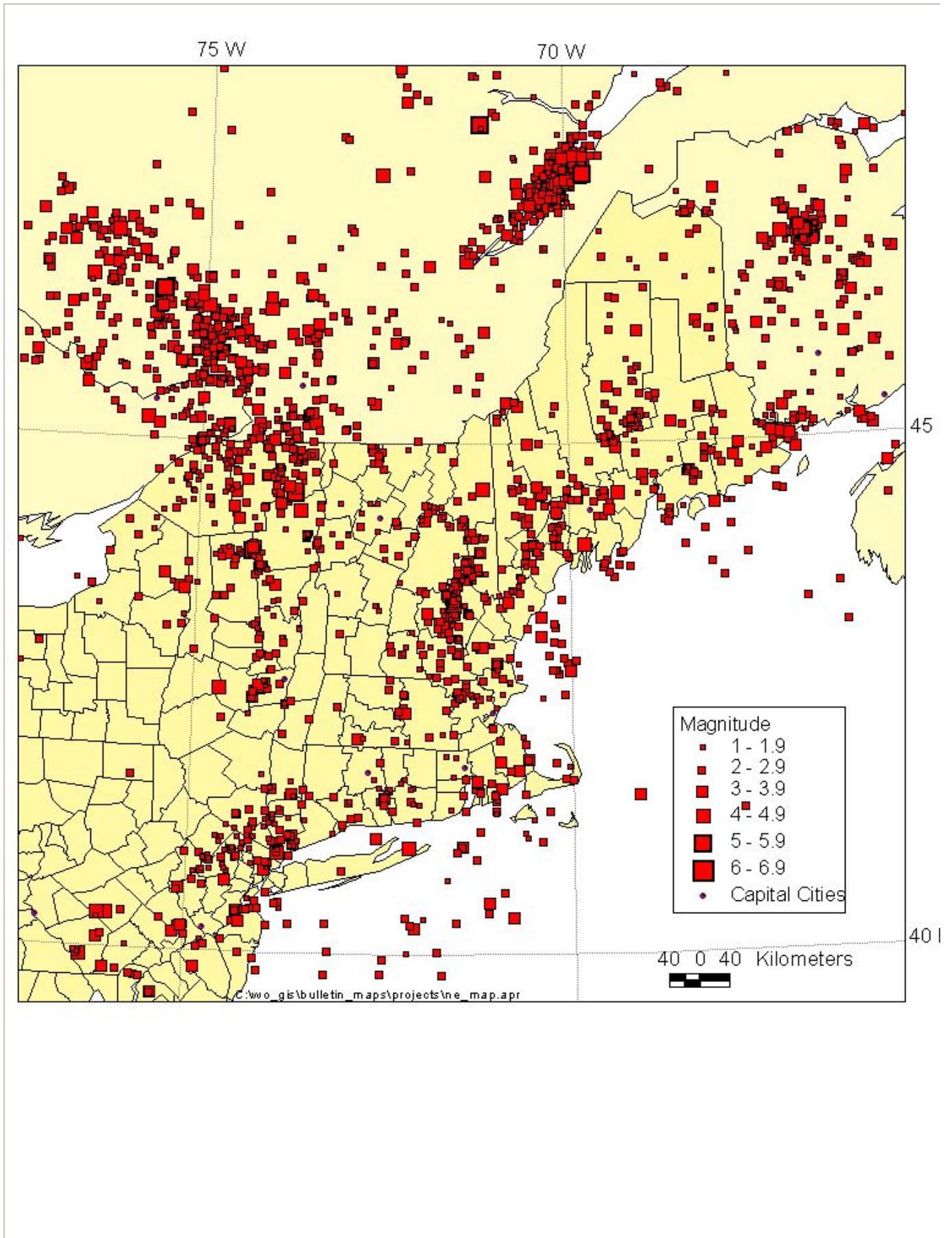


Figure 4: Seismicity for period October, 1975 - June, 2005.

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