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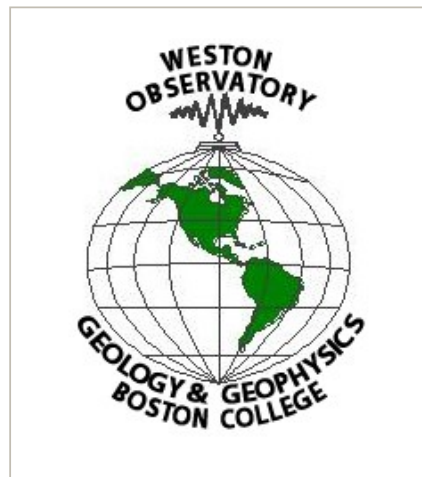
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Introduction

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 July-September, 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 7 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. Weston Observatory also maintains 8 SMA-1 strong-motion instruments in New England.

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Seismicity

There were 7 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. 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/. 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 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

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
 $WES: 2.23 \text{ Log}(FMP) + 0.12 \text{ Log}(\text{Dist}) - 2.36$ (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

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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
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

July-September, 2005

Date	Time (UTC)	Depth	Mag Int	Location
M/D/Y	Hr:Mn:Sec	Lat Long (km)		
07/04/2005	11:47:15:01	46.19 -76.82	16.66 2.6	PQ, 72.5 KM WSW OF MANIWAKI
08/14/2005	05:56:56.28	44.48 -69.58	11.26 1.9	ME, 6 KM NE OF AUGUSTA
08/19/2005	15:29:36.69	43.45 -71.54	07.79 1.7	NH, 9 KM E OF FRANKLIN
08/23/2005	00:00:56.41	43.03 -71.85	12.82 1.4	NH, 30.6 KM S OF CONCORD
09/06/2005	02:58:46.05	45.69 -75.40	05.00 2.3	PQ, 10.5 KM N OF BUCKINGHAM
09/06/2005	14:10:52.18	46.30 -75.29	11.80 2.9	PQ, 30 KM SE OF MONT-LAURIER
09/25/2005	03:08:58.45	45.04 -67.28	00.38 3.5	ME, 6.4 KM NW OF AYERS

* indicates Mc rather than Mn.

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TABLE 4

EARTHQUAKE PHASE DATA LIST
NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

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C5704A.XX
NORTHERN NY AND ADIRONDACKS
05JUL04 CANADA, QC, 72.5KM (45MI) WSW OF MANIWAKI
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q
50704 1147 15.01 46-11.67 76-49.20 16.66 2.6 .0 118 .47 1.2 2.9 C
STN DIST AZM RMK HRMN SEC TOBS TCAL RES WT AMX PRX XMAG FMP FMAG
TRQ 174.8 89 EP 0 1147 41.67 26.66 26.35 .31 3.13
ES 3 1147 60.13 45.12 46.90 -1.78 .39
VLDQ 218.6 347 EP 0 1147 46.97 31.96 31.75 .19 2.76
ES 0 1147 71.62 56.61 56.51 .06 2.76
KGNO 220.1 173 EP 3 1147 48.92 33.91 31.94 1.95 .20
ES 0 1147 71.97 56.96 56.86 .08 2.75
SADO 240.9 229 EP 2 1147 48.87 33.86 34.50 -.68 1.26
ES 3 1147 78.60 63.59 61.41 2.10 .12
MNT 260.2 107 EP 0 1147 51.92 36.91 36.89 .00 2.41
ES 0 1147 80.77 65.76 65.66 .06 2.41
WLVO 281.3 206 EP 4 1147 57.09 42.08 39.49 2.58 .00
ES 4 1147 87.68 72.67 70.29 2.36 .00
PKRO 304.7 216 EP 0 1147 57.60 42.59 42.39 .17 2.04
ES 4 1147 28.56 13.55 75.45-61.95 .00
DPQ 315.6 80 EP 0 1147 58.33 43.32 43.72 -.41 1.93
ES 3 1147 90.29 75.28 77.83 -2.55 .02
MOQ 368.3 105 EP 0 1148 5.66 50.65 50.23 .28 1.51
ES 4 1148 47.15 92.14 89.41 2.48 .00
STCO 380.6 209 EP 4 1148 11.28 56.27 51.75 4.50 .00
ES 3 1148 45.94 90.93 92.12 -1.22 .31
ACTO 384.9 222 EP 0 1148 7.38 52.37 52.29 .02 1.37
ES 4 1148 46.29 91.28 93.07 -1.90 .00
EFO 397.5 210 EP 3 1148 7.61 52.60 53.84 -1.28 .27
ELGO 400.0 226 EP 2 1148 8.63 53.62 54.15 -.59 .62
ES 4 1148 49.97 94.96 96.38 -1.53 .00
TYNO 421.1 215 EP 4 1148 14.16 59.15 56.75 2.37 .00
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BRCO 421.8 239 ES 4 1148 54.31 99.30 101.18 -1.97 .00
QCQ 430.2 81 ES 2 1148 58.77 103.76 103.02 .70 .48
HGVO 445.1 216 EP 3 1148 13.94 58.93 59.71 -.82 .21
ES 3 1148 60.55 105.54 106.28 -.82 .21
BINY 449.6 171 EP 0 1148 15.67 60.66 60.27 .31 .84
ES 4 1148 58.10 103.09 107.28 -4.34 .00
HNH 452.6 128 EP 4 1148 23.40 68.39 60.64 7.72 .00 23 .60 2.4
ES 4 1148 77.30 122.29 107.93 14.30 .00
TRY 459.3 147 ES 4 1149 80.10 185.09 109.42 75.58 .00 44 .80 2.6
DAQ 466.9 65 EP 4 1148 15.26 60.25 62.41 -2.32 .00
ES 0 1148 66.48 111.47 111.09 -.09 .69
FPD 508.7 127 EPD4 1148 31.30 76.29 67.57 8.70 .00
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A54 508.9 74 EP 3 1148 20.69 65.68 67.59 -1.97 .03
ES 3 1148 73.65 118.64 120.31 -1.78 .04
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A64 557.4 71 EP 3 1148 29.70 74.69 73.58 1.09 .00
ES 3 1148 84.06 129.05 130.97 -1.96 .00
QUA2 562.9 141 ES 4 1149 47.50 152.49 132.17 20.26 .00 19 .80 2.4
A21 568.6 73 EP 3 1148 27.95 72.94 74.97 -2.04 .00
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HRV 586.2 134 ES 4 1149 53.70 158.69 137.30 21.33 .00
WVL 589.8 108 ES 4 1149 60.58 165.57 138.10 27.45 .00 18 .29 2.8
WES 609.7 134 ES 4 1149 62.30 167.29 142.46 24.81 .00 12 .80 2.3
YLE 626.7 150 ES 4 1149 71.80 176.79 146.19 30.59 .00 55 .70 3.0
GGN 787.9 99 EP 4 1148 54.72 99.71 102.03 -2.33 .00
C5814A.XX
SOUTHEAST MAINE CRUSTAL MODEL
05AUG14 ME, 6KM (3.7MI) NE OF AUGUSTA
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q
50814 556 56.28 44-28.60 69-35.16 11.26 1.9 .0 155 .17 14.1 7.9 D
STN DIST AZM RMK HRMN SEC TOBS TCAL RES WT AMX PRX XMAG FMP FMAG
    
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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

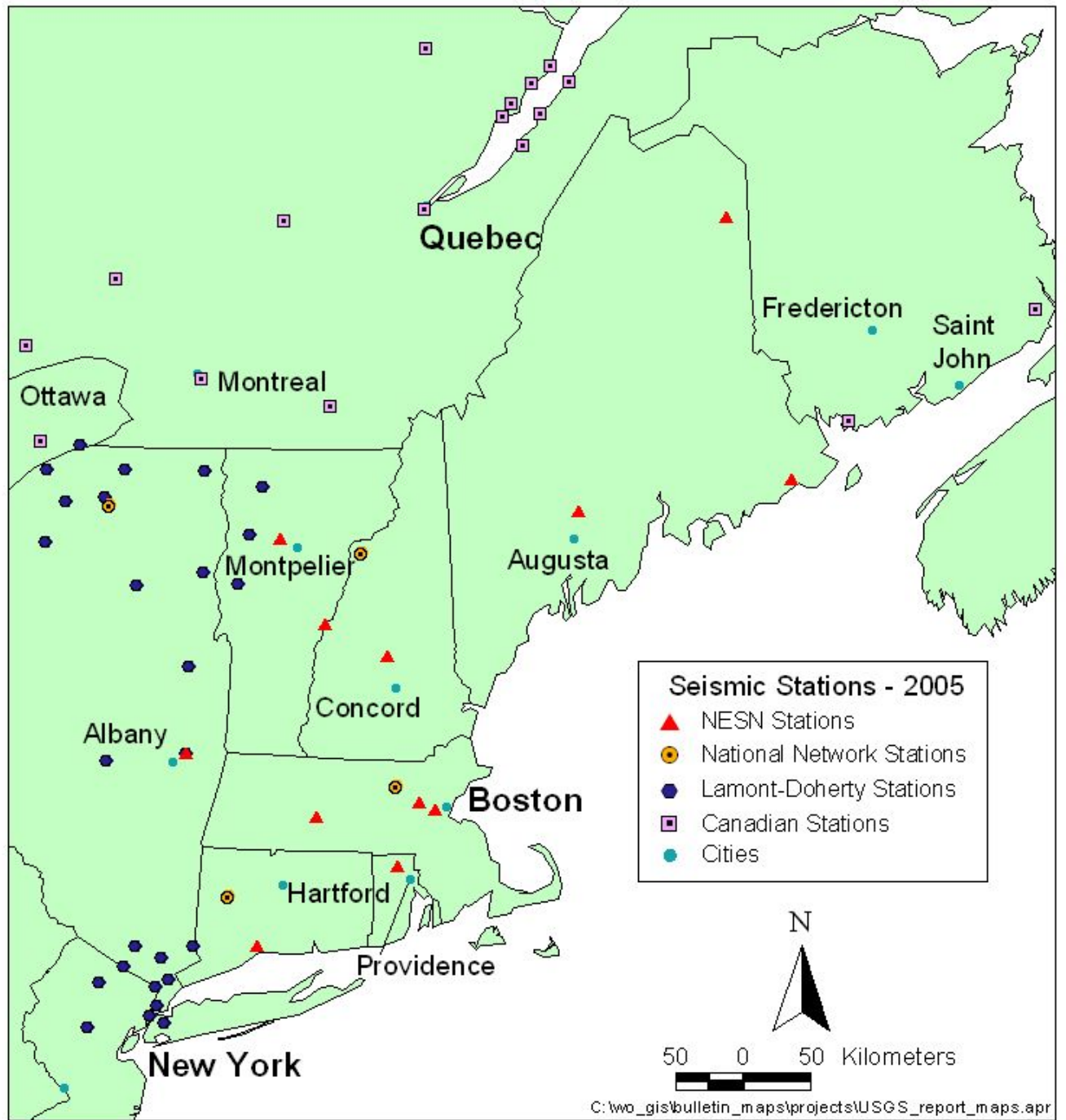


Figure 1: Map of stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during the period of this report. Also included are other Northeast U.S. and Canadian seismic stations in operation during this period.

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NESN Strong-Motion Station Map

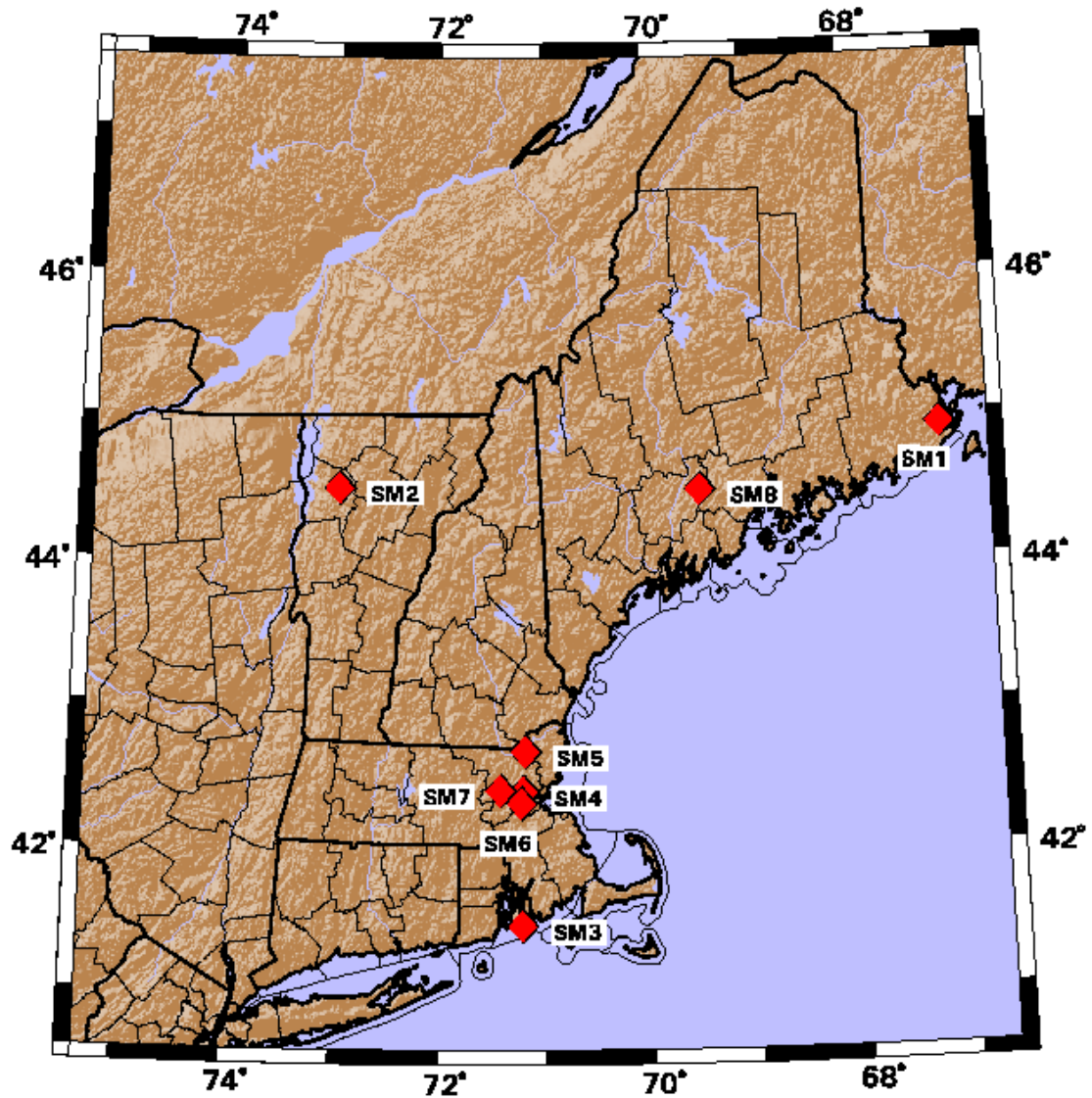


Figure 2: Map of strong-motion stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during the period of this report.

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NESN Quarterly Seismicity Map

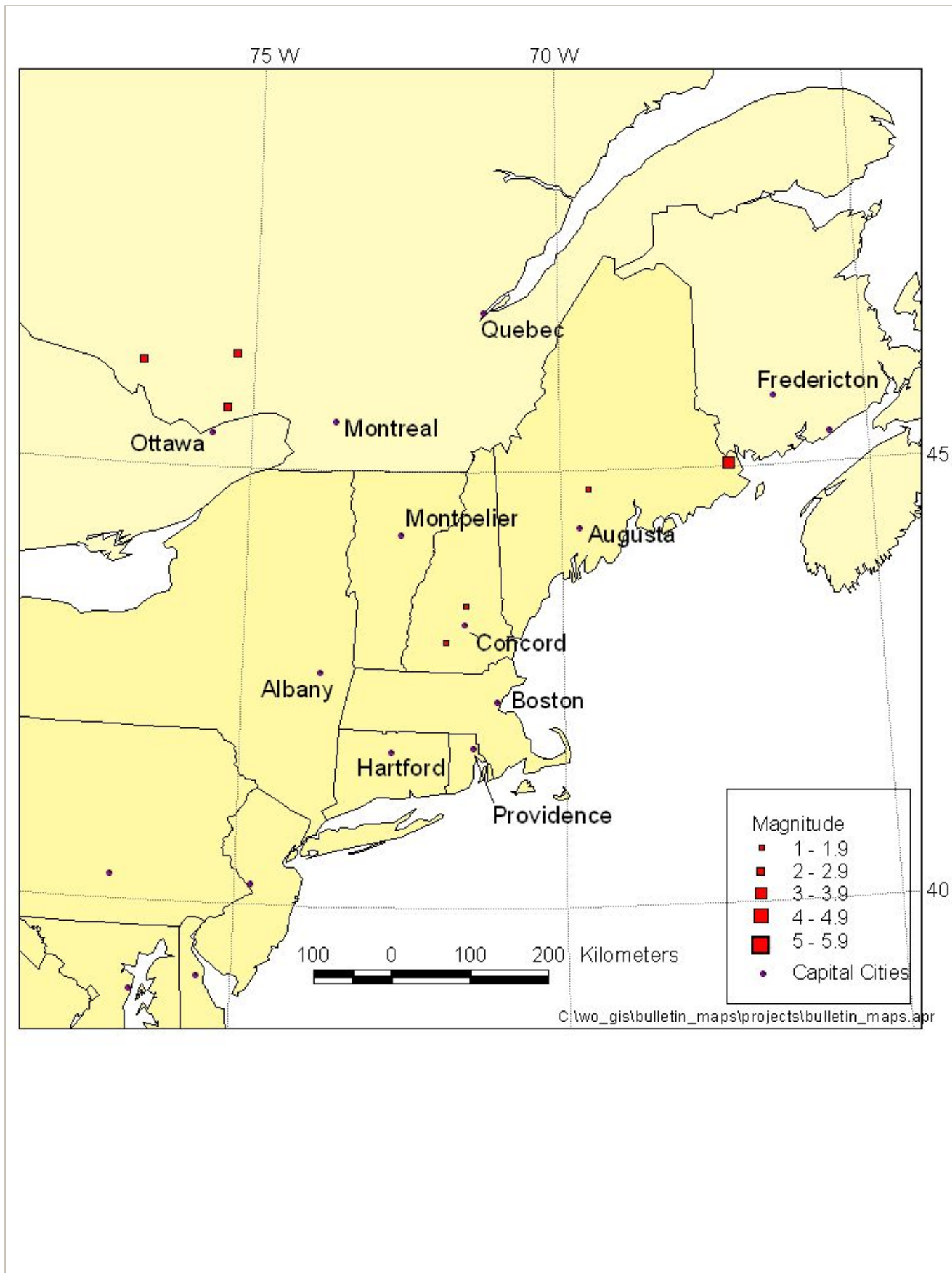


Figure 3: Earthquake epicenters located by the NESN during the period of this report.

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NESN Cumulative Seismicity Map

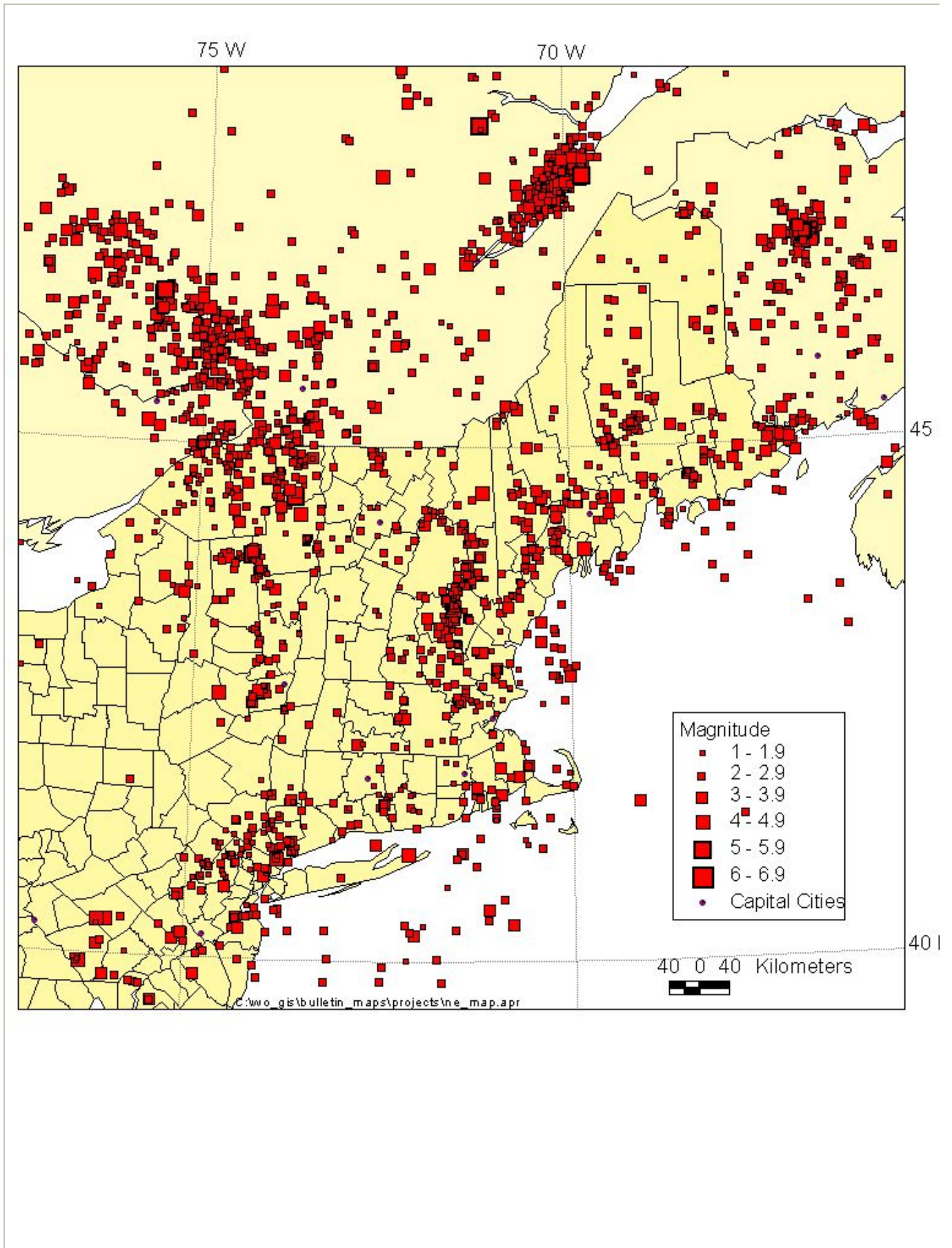


Figure 4: Seismicity for period October, 1975 - September, 2005.

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