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Irving rattled by second earthquake in less than a month



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A 2.6 magnitude earthquake that shook North Texas on Thursday morning was the second earthquake in Irving in less than a month, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The quake's epicenter was recorded at 11:45 a.m. off Luna Road, just south of Luna Vista Golf Course, according to data from Alexandros Savvaidis, a research scientist at the University of Texas' Bureau of Economic Geology who operates TexNet, the state's seismic network.



North Texas' most recent earthquake before Thursday, with a measured magnitude of 3.1, happened Aug. 25 in the same vicinity.



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The Aug. 25 earthquake was the strongest since May 2015, when Irving and Dallas experienced dozens of earthquakes over several months.

Researchers tentatively tied the earlier quakes, which began in April 2014, to the disposal of wastewater from oil and gas operations in North Texas. Scientists have

known for decades that wastewater disposal can increase underground pressure, which can cause faults to slip and produce earthquakes.

The U.S. Geological Survey noted in a report earlier this year that quakes around Dallas came to a virtual halt last year. The agency's scientists said they didn't record any earthquakes strong enough to be felt in the area in 2016.

North Texans took to social media Thursday to report what they felt.



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yep that was an earthquake in Irving.
Was felt over in Dallas and 35 also.[#earthquake](#)

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