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# Abbott, lawmakers' support for real-time earthquake map pays off



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Texas officials have been painfully slow in acknowledging what scientists keep confirming: North Texas, like the rest of the state, is experiencing far more earthquakes because of the state's heavy fracking activity and the way wastewater is disposed of in the process. But a bright spot? Texas' decision in the past two legislative sessions to fund a new project to keep track of all that shaking.

A new website operated by the University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology provides the most precise near-real time info about quakes in Texas. That's smart. We won't ever figure out how to avoid quakes until we have a better handle on what's happening and where.

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