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WHY 2017'S WEST TEXAS TREMOR TALLY IS HIGHER THAN THE PAST TEN YEARS COMBINED

One geologic researcher says a new seismic monitoring system now in use across the state can pick up earthquakes that were undetected in the past.

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A sharp increase in the number of [recorded earthquakes](#) in west Texas has some wondering what's going on underneath the town of Pecos. In the past year, 30 tremors have been recorded in the region – three times the number of earthquakes that were recorded in west Texas over the past ten years.

But the reason for the uptick in tremors may not be as dramatic as it seems, says Dr. [Peter Hennings](#), research scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin.

What you'll hear in this segment:

- Why the dramatic increase in the number

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Dr. Carolyn B Black

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This is interesting and important information for Texans. What is going on underfoot is not something you hear much about. We are glad that the Bureau of Economic Geology and Dr. Hennings are watching out and

of earthquakes in west Texas may be attributed to the state's new TexNet seismic

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process of fracking to the number of earthquakes

– How the increase in seismic activity might affect the region's growing oil and gas industry

earthquakes, shifting of rock formations, potential long term impact on ground water. I suggest you have an environmentalist on your program to get the other side of the story. The long term impact of fracking, oil and gas production on the environment, people's health. Also need to explore recycling of frack water – it can be done. Ifear that we are leaving a mess for our children and grand children

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