

Critical Issues: Human-Caused Earthquakes, Human Solutions

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The September 3rd earthquake in Pawnee, Oklahoma, renewed national discussion on the link between earthquakes and human activity. "Induced seismicity," as human-caused earthquakes are referred to in the field, has been linked to the injection of industrial wastewater into disposal wells deep beneath the Earth's surface. Recently published research from the U.S. Geological Survey and the University of Colorado has refocused the discussion, showing how geoscientists can work with state and local decision makers to better respond to earthquake risks. For the full story, see the August 2016 USGS news release. Also, check out our webinar, *Induced Seismicity in the Midcontinent*.

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