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The Texas Railroad Commission (RRC), the state agency responsible for the regulation of the oil and gas industry in Texas, announced that it will hire an in-house seismologist in response to a series of earthquakes in the small town of Azle, Texas.

Azle sits atop the Barnett Shale, one of the largest and richest deposits of natural gas in the state, which has undergone extensive hydraulic fracturing, oftentimes referred to as “fracking.” Increased seismic activity associated with fracking has been attributed mainly to the reinjection of wastewater into the ground, rather than to hydraulic fracturing itself.

For more information, or to apply for the job visit the RRC website.

Sources: The Texas Railroad Commission
