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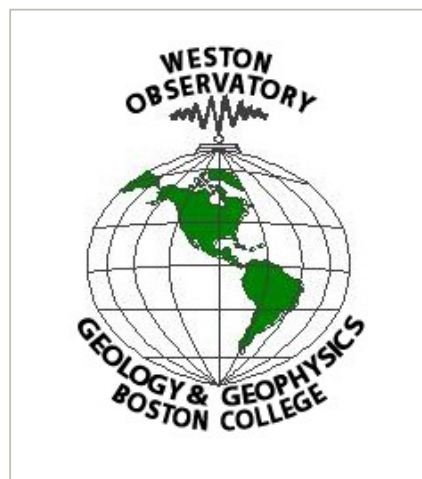
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Introduction

The New England Seismic Network (NESN) is operated by the Weston Observatory (WES) of Boston College. The mission of the NESN is to operate and maintain a regional seismic network with digital recording of seismic ground motions for the following purposes: 1) to determine the location and magnitude of earthquakes in and adjacent to New England and report felt events to public safety agencies, 2) to define the crust and upper mantle structure of the northeastern United

States, 3) to derive the source parameters of New England earthquakes, and 4) to estimate the seismic hazard in the area.

This report summarizes the work of the NESN for the period January-March, 2005. It includes a brief summary of the network's equipment and operation, and a short discussion of data management procedures. A list of participating personnel is given in Table 1. There were 9 earthquakes that occurred within or near the network during this reporting period. Phase information for these earthquakes is included in this report.

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Current Network Operation and Status

The New England Seismic Network of Weston Observatory of Boston College currently consists of 11 broadband three-component and 8 analog strong-motion stations. The coordinates of the stations are given in Table 2, and maps of the weak- and strong-motion networks are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively. The 11 stations consist of Guralp CMG-40T three-component sensors. Ground motions recorded by these sensors are digitized at 100 sps with 16-bit resolution. Additional gain-ranging provides 126 dB dynamic range. These stations are operated in dialup mode with waveform segments of suspected events transmitted in digital mode to Weston Observatory for analysis and archiving. WES also maintains 8 SMA-1 strong-motion instruments in New England.

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Seismicity

There were 9 earthquakes that occurred in or adjacent to the NESN during this reporting period. A summary of the location data is given in Table 3. Figure 3 shows the locations of these events. Figure 4 shows the locations of all events since the beginning of network operation in October, 1975.

Table 4 gives the station phase data and detailed hypocenter data for each event listed in Table 3. In addition to NESN data, arrival time and magnitude data sometimes are contributed for seismic stations operated by the [Geological Survey of Canada \(GSC\)](#), the [Lamont-Doherty Cooperative Seismographic Network](#), and the [US National Seismic Network](#). Final locations for this section were computed using the program HYPO78. For regional events (those too far from the NESN to obtain accurate locations and magnitudes) phase data are given for NESN stations, but the entry in Table 3 lists the hypocenter and geographic location information adopted from the authoritative network. Accordingly, the epicenter is plotted on the maps using the entry from Table 3.

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Data Management

Recent event locations are available at www.bc.edu/research/westonobservatory/northeast/recenteqs/. Waveform data are saved in Nanometrics, ASCII, and SEED formats and are available by contacting, Anastasia Macherides Moulis, via email. Earthquake lists can be found at www.bc.edu/research/westonobservatory/northeast/eqcatalogs/. Currently available on the Weston Observatory web page is the full catalog of northeastern U.S. earthquake activity to the present time. This will be updated as new Northeastern U.S. Seismic Network Quarterly Earthquake Reports are produced.

For more information on matters discussed in this report or general earthquake information (reports, maps, catalogs, etc.) consult our web site www.bc.edu/westonobservatory or contact:

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Explanation of Tables

Table 1: List of personnel operating the NESN

Table 2: List of Seismic and Strong Motion Stations

1. Code = station name
2. Lat = station latitude, degrees north
3. Long = station longitude, degrees west
4. Elev = station elevation in meters
5. Location = geographic location
6. Operator = network operator

Table 3: Earthquake Hypocenter List

1. Date = date event occurred, Yr (year)/Mo (month)/Dy (day)
2. Time = origin time of event, Hr (hour):Mn (minute):Sec (second)
in UCT (Universal Coordinated Time, same as Greenwich Mean Time)
3. Lat = event location, latitude north in degrees
4. Long = event location, longitude west in degrees
5. Depth = event depth in kilometers
6. Mag = event magnitude
7. Int = event epicentral intensity
8. Location = event geographic location

Table 4: Earthquake detailed hypocenter and phase data list

Table Header: detailed hypocenter data

1. Geographic location
2. DATE = date event occurred, yr/mo/dy (year/month/day)
3. ORIGIN = event origin time (UCT) in hours, minutes, and seconds
4. LAT N = latitude north in degrees and minutes
5. LONG W = longitude west in degrees and minutes
6. DEPTH = event depth in kilometers
7. MN = Nuttli Lg phase magnitude with amplitude divided by period
8. MC = signal duration (coda) magnitude

WES: $2.23 \text{ Log(FMP)} + 0.12 \text{ Log(Dist)} - 2.36$ (Rosario, 1979)
MIT: $2.21 \text{ Log(FMP)} - 1.7$ (Chaplin *et al.*, 1980)

9. ML = local magnitude

WES: calculated from Wood-Anderson seismograms (Ebel, 1982)
GSC (Geological Survey of Canada): Richter Lg magnitude

10. GAP = largest azimuthal separation, in degrees, between stations
11. RMS = root mean square error of travel time residual in seconds
12. ERH = standard error of epicenter in kilometers
13. ERZ = standard error of event depth in kilometers
14. Q = solution quality of hypocenter

A = excellent
B = good
C = fair
D = poor

Table Body: earthquake phase data

1. STN = station name
2. DIST = epicentral distance in kilometers
3. AZM = azimuthal angle in degrees measured clockwise between true north and vector pointing from epicenter to station
4. Description of onset of phase arrival

I = impulsive
E = emergent

5. R = phase

P = first P arrival
S = first S arrival

6. M = first motion direction of phase arrival

U = up or compression
D = down or dilatation

7. K = weight of arrival

0 = full weight (1.0)
1 = 0.75 weight
2 = 0.50 weight
3 = 0.25 weight
4 = no weight (0.0)

8. HRMN = hour and minute of phase arrival

9. SEC = second of phase arrival

10. TCAL = calculated travel time of phase in seconds

11. RES = travel time residual (error) of phase arrival

12. WT = weight of phase used in hypocentral solution

13. AMX = peak-to-peak ground motion, in millimicrons, of the maximum envelope amplitude of vertical-component signal, corrected for system response

14. PRX = period in seconds of the signal from which amplitude was measured

15. XMAG = Nuttli magnitude recorded at station

16. FMP = signal duration (coda), in seconds, measured from first P arrival

17. FMAG = coda magnitude recorded at station

Table 5: Microearthquakes and other non-locatable events

1. Date = date event occurred, Yr (year)/Mo (month)/Dy (day)
2. Sta = nearest station recording event
3. Arrival Time = phase arrival time, Hr (hour):Mn (minute):Sec (second)

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TABLE 1

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TABLE 2

SEISMIC STATIONS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SEISMIC NETWORK

Code	Lat	Long	Elev (m)	Location	Operator
BCX	42.3350	-71.1705	61.0	Chestnut Hill, MA	WES
BRYW	41.9178	-71.5388	380.0	Smithfield, RI	WES
FFD	43.4702	-71.6533	131.0	Franklin Falls Dam, NH	
HNH	-72.2860	180.0	Hanover, NH	WES	
QUA2	42.2789	168.0	WES		
TRY *	42.7311	-73.6669	131.0		
44.7100	-67.4583	35.0	Machias, ME	WES	
VT1	44.3317	-72.7536	410.0	Waterbury, VT	WES
-71.3220	60.0	Weston, MA	WES		
WVL	44.5648	-69.6575	85.0	Waterville, ME	
41.3100	-72.9269	10.0	New Haven, CT	WES	
-68.0168	175.0	Presque Isle, ME	WES		

* = not in operation during this quarter

STRONG MOTION STATIONS OF THE NEW ENGLAND SEISMIC NETWORK

Code	Lat	Long	Location	Operator
SM1	44.90	-67.25	Dennysville, ME	WES
44.49	Essex Junction, VT	WES		
SM3	41.45	-71.33	WES	
42.38	-71.32	Weston, MA	WES	
SM5	42.66	Lowell, MA		
SM6	42.30	-71.34	Natick, MA	WES
Hudson, MA	WES			
SM8	44.48	-69.61	North Vassalboro, ME	

WES 43.7050 -72.3525 Belchertown, MATroy, NY WES UMM WES 42.3850 WES YLE PQI 46.6710 SM2 -73.10Newport, RI SM4 -71.30
WES SM7 42.39 -71.54 WES

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TABLE 3

EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

Date	Time (UTC)	Lat	Long	Depth	Mag Int	Location
M/D/Y	Hr:Mn:Sec			(km)		
01/05/2005	15:32:44.78	47.0135	-66.6108	22.02	3.6	CANADA, 65km ENE of Plaster Rock, N.B.
01/08/2005	20:30:00.92	43.3090	-71.6925	08.89	1.4	NH, 9.7km SSW of Franklin, 16km NW of Concord
01/08/2005	21:11:23.64	47.0593	-66.7002	22.78	3.2	CANADA, 54km ENE of Plaster Rock, N.B.
01/25/2005	07:33:51.19	43.2867	-56.3079	18.00	4.7	**CANADA, 410km SE of Louisbourg, offshore N.S.
01/30/2005	18:06:46.21	48.0477	-77.9733	19.68	3.3	CANADA, 13km WSW of Val-d'Or, Quebec
03/03/2005	02:22:02.16	45.0287	-74.2137	00.32	2.8	CANADA, 8km SSW of Huntingdon, Quebec
03/06/2005	06:17:49.35	47.6315	-69.7420	00.02	5.3	**CANADA, 26km SW of Riviere-Du-Loup, Quebec
03/13/2005	17:08:15.75	46.6757	-80.9203	05.00	3.5	CANADA, 20km NNE of Sudbury, Ontario
03/31/2005	15:13:08.74	46.2765	-75.6429	18.00	3.4	**CANADA, 27km SE of Maniwaki, Quebec

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TABLE 4

EARTHQUAKE PHASE DATA LIST FOR EVENTS IN
NEW ENGLAND AND ADJACENT REGIONS

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A5105A.XX
NORTHWEST MAINE CRUSTAL STRUCTURE
05JAN05 CANADA, 65KM (40.4MI) ENE OF PLASTER Rock, N.B.
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q
50105 1532 44.78 47-.81 66-36.65 22.02 3.6 .0 134 .44 1.2 1.9 C
STN DIST AZM RMK HRMN SEC TOBS TCAL RES WT AMX PRX XMAG FMP FMAG
PQI 113.9 250 EP 0 1533 3.09 18.31 18.26 .01 1.70
ES 0 1533 16.89 32.11 32.51 -.45 1.70
LMN 189.6 133 P 0 1533 12.75 27.97 28.18 -.27 1.41
GGN 211.4 184 P 0 1533 15.50 30.72 30.88 -.17 1.32
S 0 1533 39.77 54.99 54.96 .01 1.32
GSQ 214.6 350 P 0 1533 16.33 31.55 31.27 .27 1.31
S 0 1533 40.07 55.29 55.66 -.39 1.31
A21 244.8 288 P 0 1533 20.24 35.46 34.99 .45 1.18
S 0 1533 48.10 63.32 62.29 1.01 1.14
A16 262.5 281 P 0 1533 21.49 36.71 37.18 -.47 1.12
S 0 1533 50.36 65.58 66.18 -.60 1.12
A64 263.6 290 P 0 1533 22.30 37.52 37.32 .18 1.12
S 0 1533 51.60 66.82 66.43 .35 1.12
A61 273.4 286 P 0 1533 23.26 38.48 38.53 -.06 1.08
S 0 1533 53.16 68.38 68.58 -.22 1.08
A11 273.5 275 P 0 1533 24.41 39.63 38.54 1.08 1.02
CNQ 276.8 337 P 0 1533 23.17 38.39 38.94 -.59 1.07
S 0 1533 54.02 69.24 69.32 -.14 1.07
ICQ 283.2 350 P 0 1533 24.57 39.79 39.73 .04 1.04
S 0 1533 55.25 70.47 70.73 -.28 1.04
LMQ 287.3 282 P 0 1533 25.20 40.42 40.24 .11 1.03
S 0 1533 56.42 71.64 71.62 -.11 1.03
A54 292.3 280 P 0 1533 25.65 40.87 40.86 -.05 1.01
S 0 1533 58.09 73.31 72.73 .47 1.00
HAL 353.2 138 P 0 1533 33.55 48.77 48.38 .37 .77
S 0 1533 70.92 86.14 86.12 -.01 .77
SMQ 356.9 359 P 0 1533 33.07 48.29 48.84 -.62 .75
S 0 1533 66.37 81.59 86.94 -5.46 .00
WVL 364.2 221 EP 0 1533 34.57 49.79 49.74 .04 .73
ES 4 1533 83.13 98.35 88.53 9.80 .00
DAQ 364.6 287 P 0 1533 35.38 50.60 49.79 .65 .72
S 0 1533 73.20 88.42 88.63 -.50 .72
MNQ 422.0 338 P 0 1533 42.69 57.91 56.88 .94 .48
S 3 1533 87.66 102.88 101.24 1.48 .11
DPQ 472.2 266 P 0 1533 47.48 62.70 63.07 -.38 .30
S 0 1533 96.37 111.59 112.27 -.69 .30
FFD 558.6 225 EP 0 1533 57.67 72.89 73.74 -.87 .00
HNH 576.7 230 ES 4 1534 84.60 159.82 135.23 24.54 .00
MIV 631.8 239 P 0 1534 7.75 82.97 82.78 .14 .00
S 3 1534 73.62 148.84 147.35 1.40 .00
WES 635.7 216 EP 0 1533 67.95 83.17 83.25 -.09 .00 188 .61 3.6
NCB 684.4 240 EP 0 1533 74.30 89.52 89.26 .15 .00
ACCN 685.7 234 P 0 1534 14.53 89.75 89.43 .26 .00
S 3 1534 85.22 160.44 159.18 1.15 .00
VLDQ 824.6 279 P 0 1534 31.60 106.82 106.57 .23 .00
A5108A.XX
HUGHES AND LUETGERT NH
05JAN08 NH, 9.7KM (6MI) SSW OF FRANKLIN, 16km (10MI) NW OF CONCORD
DATE ORIGIN LAT N LONG W DEPTH MN MC ML GAP RMS ERH ERZ Q
50108 2030 .92 43-18.54 71-41.55 8.89 1.4 154 .44 2.7 3.0 C
STN DIST AZM RMK HRMN SEC TOBS TCAL RES WT AMX PRX XMAG FMP FMAG
FFD 18.2 10 IPCO 2030 4.65 3.73 3.41 .30 1.42
    
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BRY 916.5 125 ES 0 1711 87.30 251.55 211.71 39.73 .00 43 .50 3.4
MNQ 993.5 64 P 0 1710 21.54 125.79 128.44 -2.74 .00

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TABLE 5

MICROEARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NON-LOCATABLE EVENTS

Date	Sta	Arrival Time
Yr/Mo/Dy		Hr:Mn:Sec
None recorded this period.		

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NESN Station Map

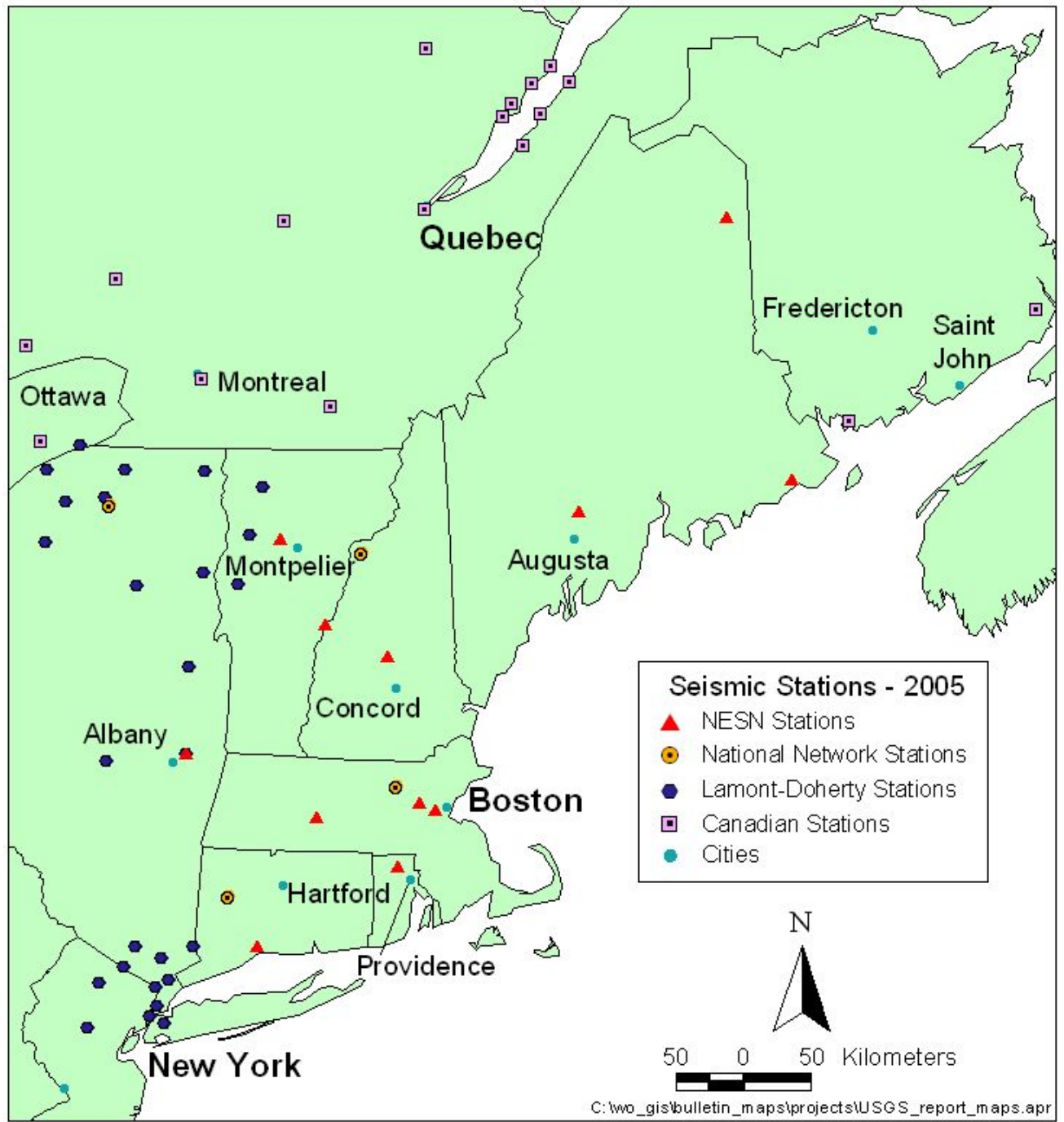


Figure 1: Map of stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during the period of this report. Also included are other Northeast U.S. and Canadian seismic stations in operation during this period.

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NESN Strong-Motion Station Map

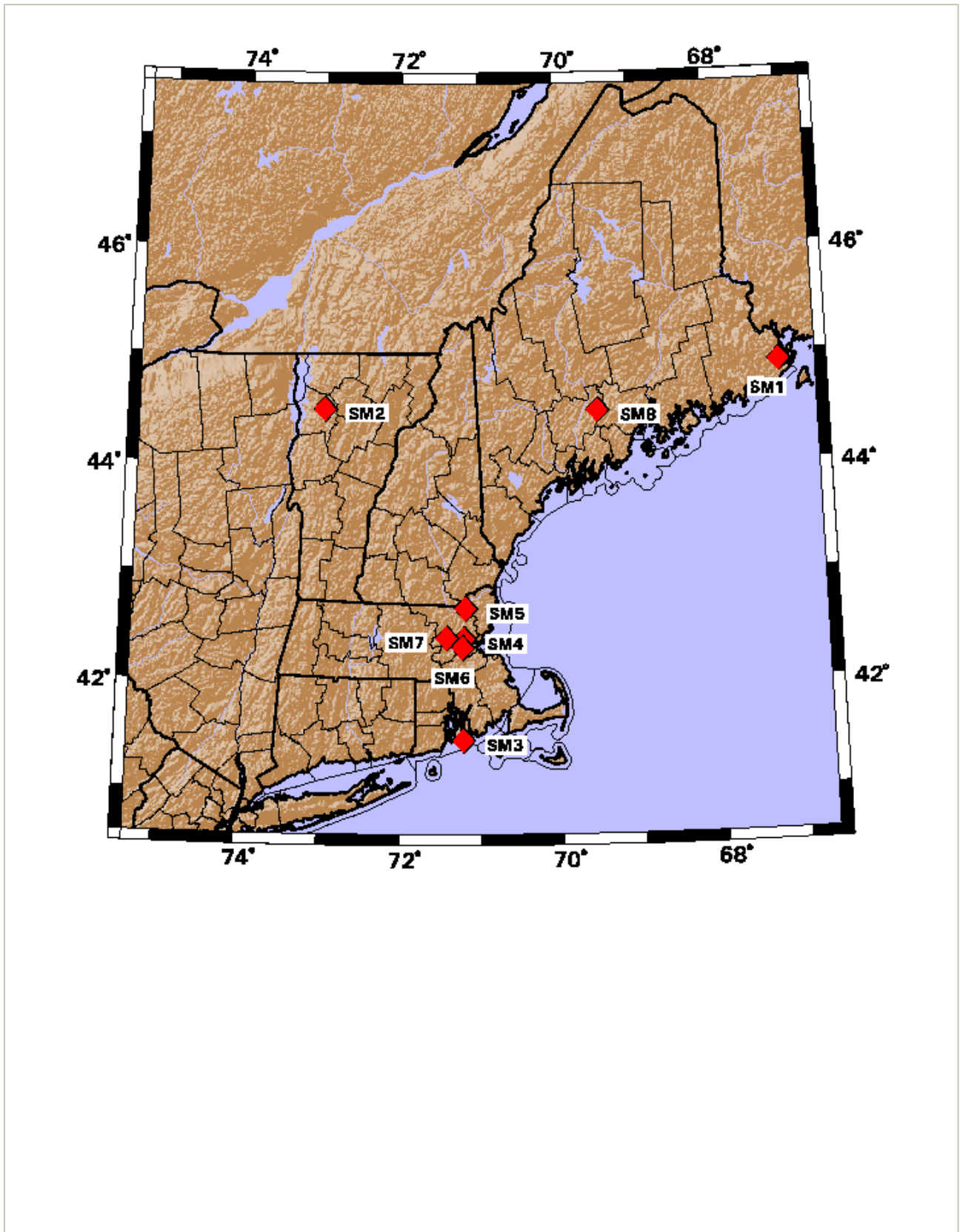


Figure 2: Map of strong-motion stations of the New England Seismic Network (NESN) in operation during the period of this report.

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NESN Quarterly Seismicity Map

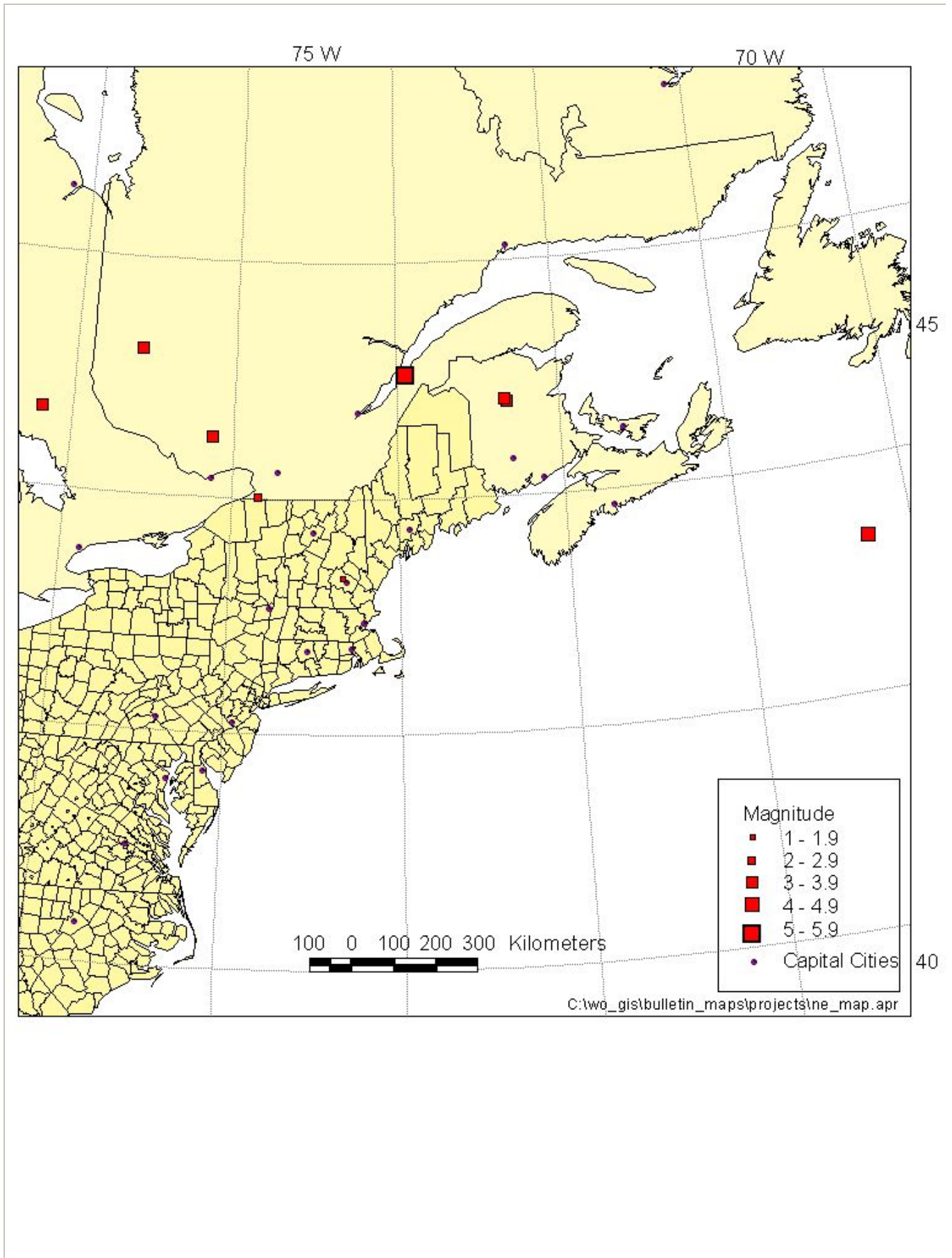
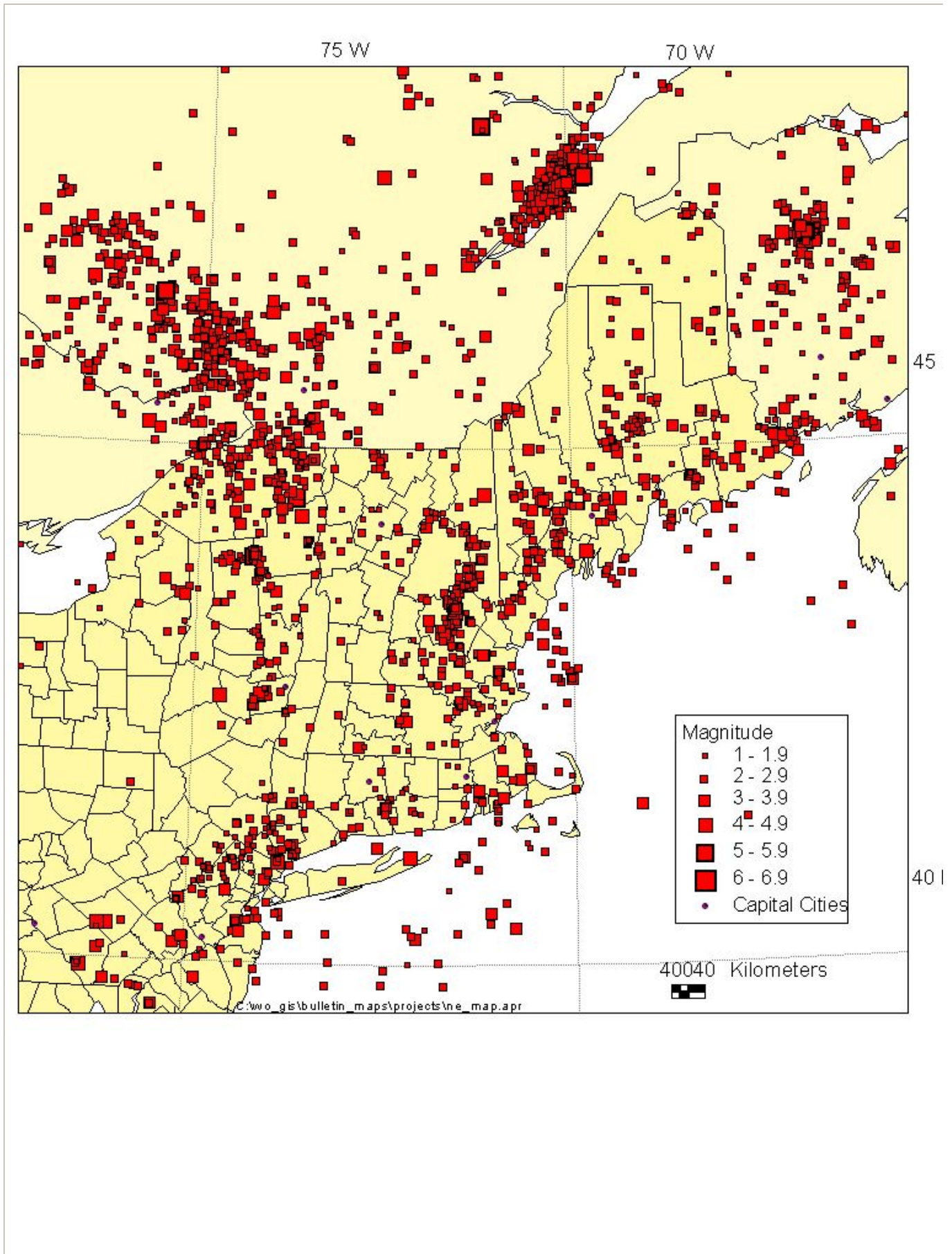


Figure 3: Earthquake epicenters located by the NESN during the period of this report.

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NESN Cumulative Seismicity Map

Figure 4: Seismicity for period October, 1975 - March, 2005.



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