
News from Commissioner Dana Murphy



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**COMMISSIONER DANA MURPHY STATEMENT REGARDING NEW USGS
EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MAP**

“The new map released by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) today is another element that clearly shows the need for the actions that have been taken by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) to reduce the risk of induced earthquakes in Oklahoma. The latest OCC Oil and Gas Conservation Division (OGCD) plans cover not only the state’s earthquake areas, but also areas that haven’t had major seismic activity.

“The OCC has taken more than 25 actions over the past three years, and the response will continue to evolve with the science and the research. There is no doubt that will be the case when it comes to development of a model to predict induced seismicity risk for a given area. This first effort by the USGS is understandably limited in scope, but continued development will provide another important tool for Oklahoma and other states that are working to reduce earthquake risk.

“As I said last summer in support of the first OGCD area-wide volume reduction plan, we must continue to take progressive steps based on the latest scientific data and research as quickly as possible to resolve this complex and challenging public safety issue.”