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## Buffalo researcher says quake strength rare

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BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A University at Buffalo researcher says one result of the surprise East Coast earthquake on Tuesday will be more evidence to better predict the next one.

Professor [Andre Filiatrault](#) (FILL-aye-tro) called the earthquake moderate, but significant because a quake of that magnitude is rare in the Northeast.

The engineering professor says the earthquake will provide useful information to help draw up better seismic maps. That will lead to a better chance of predicting the next quakes.

He is the director of the University at Buffalo's [Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research](#).

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