

Surface Seismic Monitoring Report Sulphur Mines Salt Dome Semi-Permanent Seismic Array

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Sulphur Mines Dome Seismic Monitoring Summary:

- All seven semi-permanent seismic stations are currently operating normally.
- No seismic detections were observed from September 1-15, 2023 from the semi-permanent surface seismic array.
- The semi-permanent stations detection threshold ranges from magnitude ~ 0.0 to 0.5, depending on the time of day.

Semi-Permanent Array Status

All seven semi-permanent seismic stations were operational during the first half of September 2023. The locations of the semi-permanent seismic stations are shown in Figure 1 and the Appendix Table 1 lists the station locations. Jarpe Data Solutions (JDS) continues to provide event-detection and location information.



Figure 1. Google map image showing the semi-permanent seismic recording station locations near and at the Sulphur Mines Salt Dome.

- The semi-permanent stations magnitude detection threshold varies for each station with time.
- The lowest noise / lowest magnitude threshold stations are stations 2 and 7, with periods of detectability approximately at magnitude -0.5 to -1.0 (Figure 2). Station 4's noise profile differs from the other stations, with periods of detectability of -1, intertwined with higher noise. On about September 13, the noise profile of station 4 changed, with the detection threshold increasing to about magnitude -0.5 to 0.
- Stations 1, 3 and 5 displayed moderate noise levels with respect to the entire array with magnitude detectability about ≥ 0.
- The stations with the highest background noise during this reporting period was stations 3 and 6, with a detection threshold of about magnitude 0.2 to 0.5 (Figure 2).
- The cultural noise in the area affects the detection thresholds on all the stations from time to time. The detection threshold of the network ranges day to day from magnitude ~ 0 to 0.5 depending on the time of day and the level of background noise on the various seismic stations. (Figure 2).

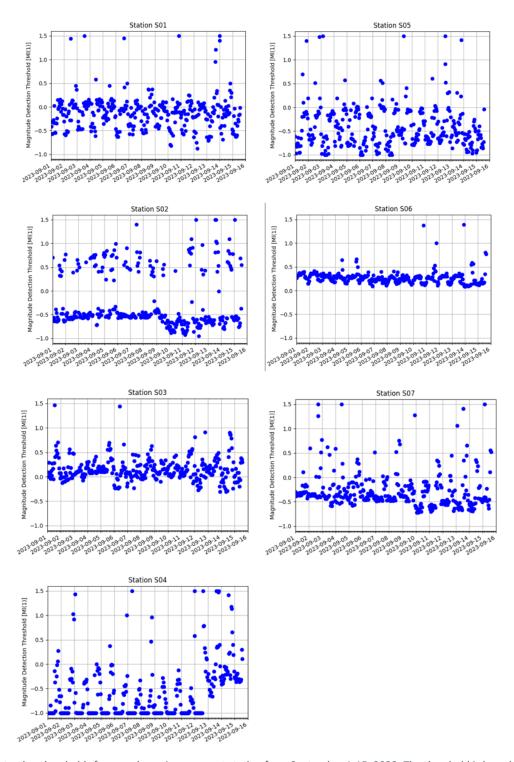


Figure 2. Detection thresholds from each semi-permanent station from September 1-15, 2023. The threshold is based on a theoretical seismic event located 1 km (3280 ft) from the station.

Appendix

Table 1. Seismic Station locations and operational dates at Sulphur Mines Dome (to June 30, 2023). Temporary Station locations and start and end dates provided by Westlake.

Station	LAT WGS84	LON WGS84	Date start	Date end
1a	30.257519	-93.412295	1/30/2023	2/9/2023
1 b	30.253427	-93.413504	2/9/2023	4/3/2023
2a	30.257004	-93.409735	1/30/2023	2/9/2023
2b	30.255468	-93.413201	2/9/2023	2/27/2023
2c	30.254707	-93.413785	2/27/2023	4/5/2023
3a	30.253309	-93.409116	1/30/2023	2/9/2023
3b	30.256257	-93.414608	2/9/2023	4/5/2023
4a	30.248590	-93.412296	1/30/2023	2/27/2023
4b	30.250684	-93.412051	2/27/2023	3/8/2023
4c	30.250632	-93.410027	3/8/2023	3/15/2023
4d	30.250303	-93.411914	3/15/2023	est 4/3/2023
5a	30.250159	-93.415560	1/30/2023	2/27/2023
5b	30.250672	-93.415279	2/27/2023	3/15/2023
5c	30.250352	-93.413960	3/15/2023	est 4/3/2023
6a	30.253187	-93.416629	1/30/2023	3/15/2023
6b	30.252864	-93.416142	3/15/2023	4/4/2023
7a	30.254665	-93.416147	1/30/2023	4/3/2023
Semi Perm S01	30.24525	-93.40734	4/4/2023	
Semi Perm S02	30.25707	-93.40979	4/6/2023	
Semi Perm S03	30.25362	-93.40910	4/6/2023	
Semi Perm S04	30.24704	-93.42130	4/5/2023	5/12/2023
Semi Perm S04_1	30.25056	-93.42040	5/12/2023	
Semi Perm S05	30.25635	-93.42238	4/5/2023	
Semi Perm S06	30.25324	-93.41668	4/5/2023	
Semi Perm S07	30.25469	-93.41619	4/5/2023	