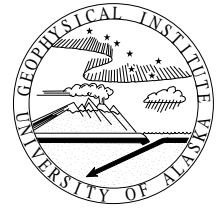




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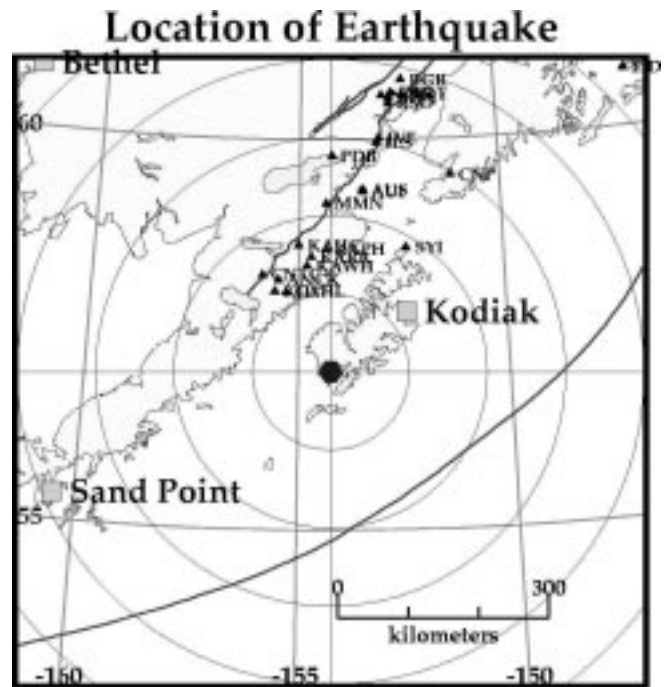
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:04 PM AKST in the Kodiak Island region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.4 and was located at a depth of about 35 miles (56 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. No reports of this event having been felt and/or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 59 km (37 miles) SSW of Larsen Bay
- 59 km (37 miles) WSW of Old Harbor
- 62 km (39 miles) SSE of Karluk
- 123 km (77 miles) SW of Port Lions
- 138 km (86 miles) SW of Kodiak
- 143 km (89 miles) SW of Ouzinkie
- 209 km (131 miles) ESE of Pilot Point
- 229 km (143 miles) ESE of Egegik

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 991216 04:04:44
 Latitude: 57 N 02'
 Longitude: 154 W 14'
 Depth: 56 km
 Magnitude: ML 3.4



Circles are 111 km (70 miles) apart.

The location and magnitude for this earthquake may be updated as data from additional seismic stations are received. The Alaska Earthquake Information Center will continue to gather data and may issue additional releases as appropriate. With any moderate or large earthquake, aftershocks should be expected to occur.

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