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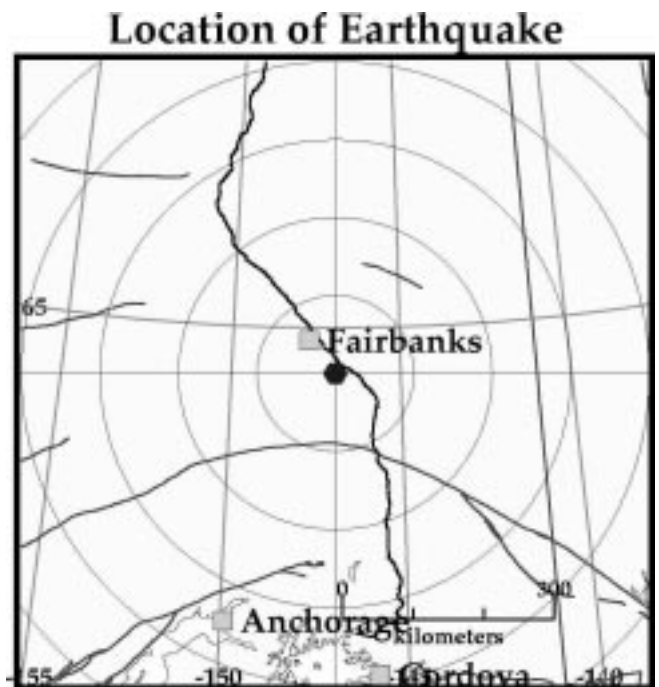
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Thursday, December 16th at 9:47 PM AKST in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.2 and was located at a depth of about 8 miles (13 km). ;This earthquake was felt strongly in Salcha. It was also felt at Pump Station #8 and Eielson AFB. No reports of this event having caused damage and/or injury have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

8 km (5 miles) SSE of Salcha
15 km (9 miles) SSW of Pump Station #8
29 km (18 miles) SSE of Eielson AFB
42 km (26 miles) SSE of North Pole
57 km (36 miles) SE of Fort Wainwright
60 km (37 miles) SE of Fairbanks
68 km (43 miles) SSE of Fox
70 km (44 miles) SE of Ester

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 991217 06:47:06
Latitude: 64 N 25'
Longitude: 146 W 56'
Depth: 13 km
Magnitude: ML 3.2



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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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center (AEIC) monitors earthquakes in Alaska and provides earthquake information to the citizens and public officials of Alaska. The Center is a cooperative program of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska and the U.S. Geological Survey and is located at the Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks with the Alaska State Seismologist's Office.

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