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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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2:02 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Tuesday, January 30th at 11:05 PM AKST beneath the Gulf of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.9 and was located at a depth of about 9 miles (14 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. No reports of this event being felt or causing damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 204 km (127 miles) S of Cape Yakataga
- 205 km (128 miles) SSW of Icy Bay
- 229 km (143 miles) SE of Middleton Island
- 239 km (150 miles) SW of Yakutat
- 296 km (185 miles) SSE of Cordova
- 346 km (216 miles) ESE of Chenega Bay
- 353 km (221 miles) S of McCarthy
- 354 km (221 miles) SE of Tatitlek

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 01/31/2001 08:05:17
- Latitude: 58 N 15’
- Longitude: 143 W 04’
- Depth: 14 km
- Magnitude: ML 3.9

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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