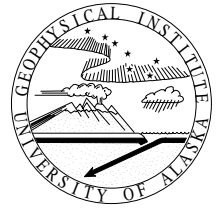


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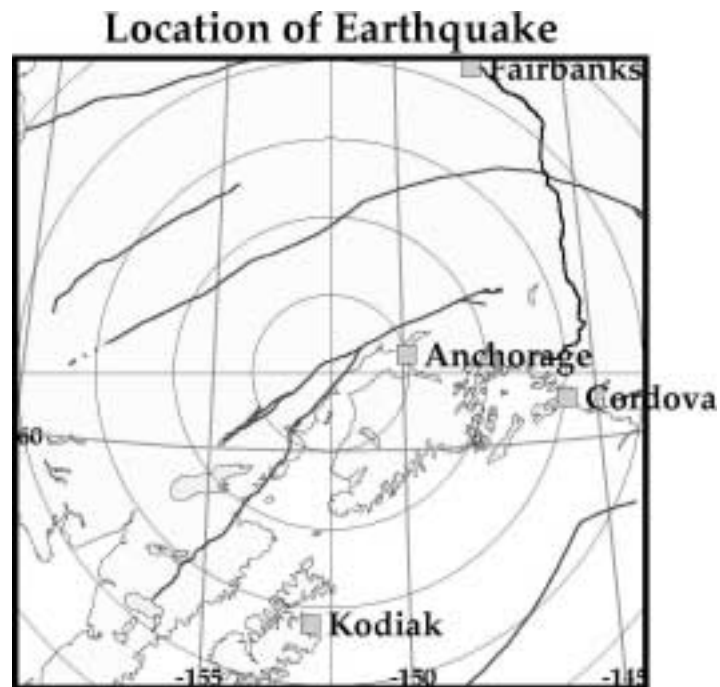
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located an earthquake that occurred on Saturday, March 17th at 11:20 AM AKST in the Kenai Peninsula region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 2.3 and was located at a depth of about 48 miles (77 km). The magnitude and location may change 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:

43 km (27 miles) W of Tyonek
61 km (38 miles) NW of Kenai
73 km (46 miles) NW of Soldotna
81 km (51 miles) NW of Sterling
81 km (51 miles) NNW of Kasilof
90 km (56 miles) NNW of Clam Gulch
105 km (66 miles) N of Ninilchik
111 km (70 miles) WSW of Anchorage

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 03/17/2001 20:20:00
Latitude: 60 N 59'
Longitude: 151 W 55'
Depth: 77 km
Magnitude: ML 2.3



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.

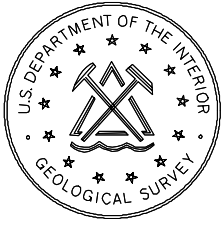
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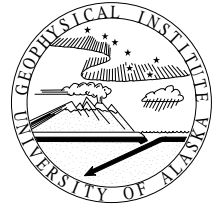
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