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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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4:43 pm

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Monday, October 21st at 4:26 PM AKDT in the central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.1 and was located at a depth of about 8 miles (13 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt in Fairbanks. However, no reports of damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 5 km (3 miles) N of Fort Wainwright
- 6 km (4 miles) NNE of Fairbanks
- 8 km (5 miles) S of Fox
- 18 km (11 miles) ENE of Ester
- 20 km (13 miles) NW of North Pole
- 26 km (16 miles) SSW of Chatanika
- 35 km (22 miles) NW of Eielson AFB
- 55 km (34 miles) NW of Salcha

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 10/22/2002 00:26:04
- Latitude: 64 N 53’
- Longitude: 147 W 38’
- Depth: 13 km
- Magnitude: ML 3.1

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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