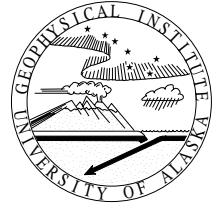




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December 9, 2003

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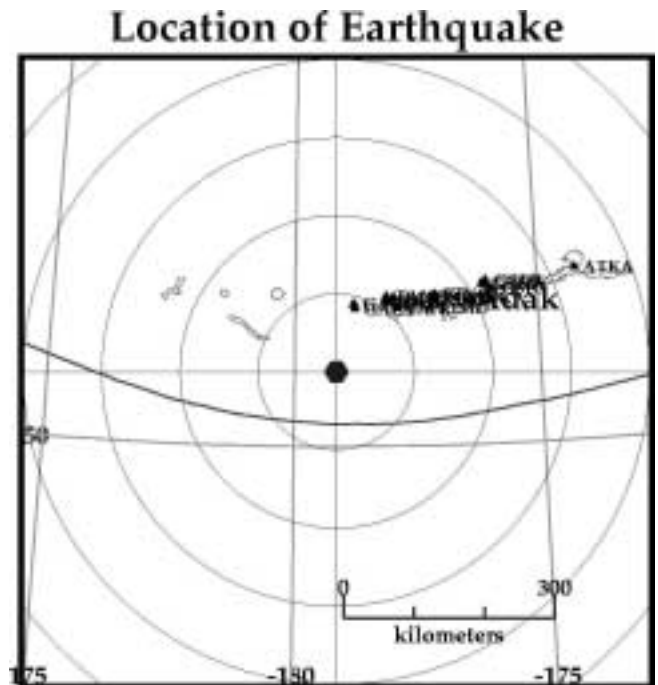
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a strong earthquake that occurred on Tuesday, December 9th at 3:43 AM AKST in the Andreanof Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 6.0 and was located at a depth of about 2 miles (3 km). The magnitude and location may 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:

144 km (90 miles) ESE of Amchitka
201 km (126 miles) WSW of Adak
369 km (230 miles) WSW of Atka
373 km (233 miles) ESE of Buldir Is
502 km (313 miles) ESE of Shemya Is
517 km (323 miles) WSW of Amukta Pass
566 km (354 miles) ESE of Attu
738 km (461 miles) WSW of Nikolski

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 12/09/2003 12:43:59
Latitude: 50 N 57'
Longitude: 179 W 09'
Depth: 3 km
Magnitude: ML 6.0 (Mb 6.0 NEIC);



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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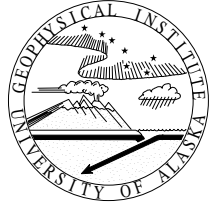
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