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ALASKA EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION CENTER

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9:55 am

The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Wednesday, February 16th at 9:35 AM AKST in the Cook Inlet region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.7 and was located at a depth of about 22 miles (35 km). The magnitude and location may change slightly as additional data are received and processed. This event was felt throughout south-central Alaska. No reports of damage have been received at this time.

Distance to nearby locations:

- 10 km (6 miles) NNW of Elmendorf AFB
- 13 km (8 miles) NW of Fort Richardson
- 14 km (8 miles) NNE of Anchorage
- 15 km (9 miles) W of Eagle River
- 20 km (13 miles) WSW of Chugiak
- 34 km (21 miles) SW of Wasilla
- 46 km (29 miles) SSE of Willow
- 48 km (30 miles) NNW of Hope

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 02/16/2005 18:35:23
- Latitude: 61 N 20'
- Longitude: 149 W 51'
- Depth: 35 km
- Magnitude: ML 4.7

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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