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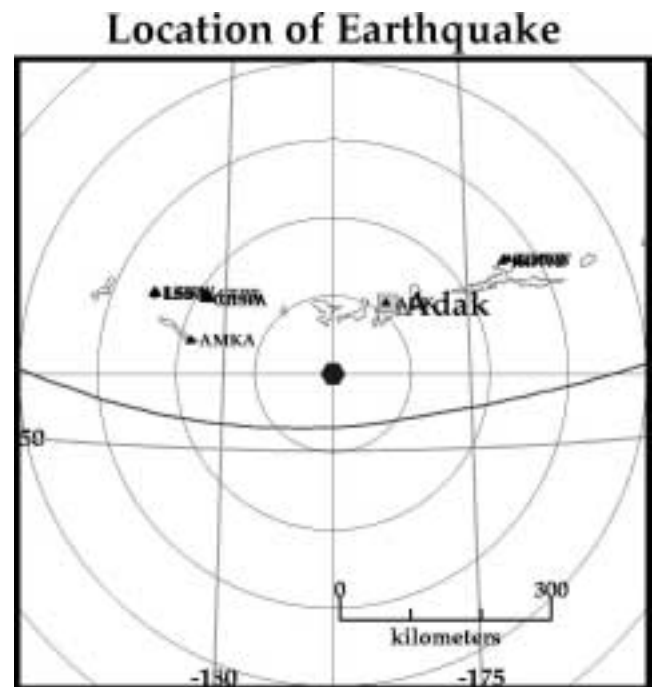
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Saturday, December 16th at 12:35 PM AKST in the Andreanof Islands region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.7 and was located at a depth of about 26 miles (41 km). The magnitude and location 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:

126 km (79 miles) SW of Adak
232 km (145 miles) ESE of Amchitka
282 km (176 miles) WSW of Atka
427 km (267 miles) WSW of Amukta Pass
459 km (287 miles) ESE of Buldir Is
588 km (368 miles) ESE of Shemya
648 km (405 miles) WSW of Nikoliski
652 km (408 miles) ESE of Attu

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 12/16/2006 21:35:57
Latitude: 50 N 59'
Longitude: 177 W 47'
Depth: 41 km
Magnitude: ML 4.7



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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