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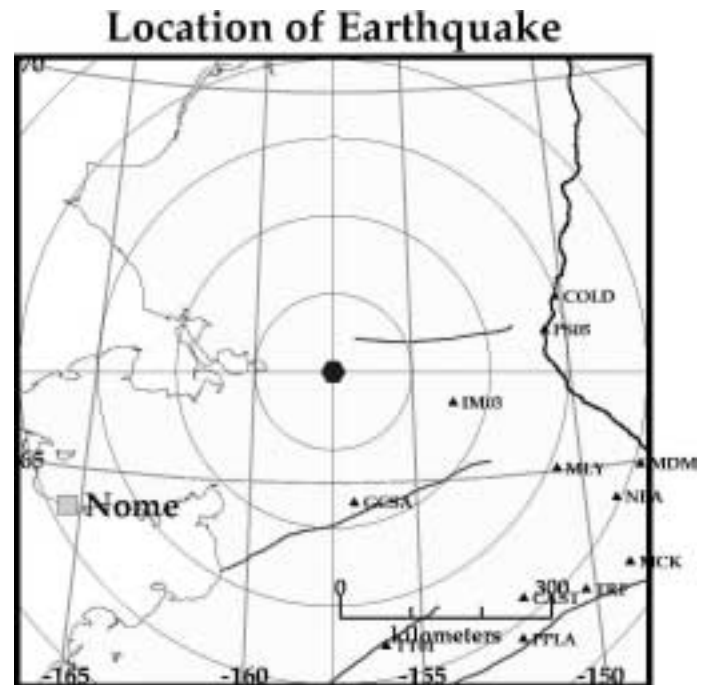
The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a light earthquake that occurred on Tuesday, December 30th at 4:54 AM AKST in the north-central region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 4.2 and was located at a depth of about 3 miles (5 km). The magnitude and location may change 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:

54 km (34 miles) SSW of Shungnak
60 km (38 miles) SSW of Kobuk
75 km (47 miles) SSE of Ambler
96 km (60 miles) NNW of Huslia
112 km (70 miles) E of Selawik
136 km (85 miles) NE of Buckland
143 km (89 miles) ESE of Kiana
152 km (95 miles) WNW of Hughes

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

Origin Time (UT): 12/30/2008 13:54:41
Latitude: 66 N 25'
Longitude: 157 W 30'
Depth: 5 km
Magnitude: ML 4.2;



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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