The Alaska Earthquake Information Center (AEIC) monitors earthquakes in Alaska and provides earthquake information to the citizens and public officials of Alaska. The Center is a cooperative program of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska and the U.S. Geological Survey and is located at the Geophysical Institute in Fairbanks with the Alaska State Seismologist's Office.

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The Alaska Earthquake Information Center located a minor earthquake that occurred on Monday, May 6th at 5:29 AM AKDT in the Cook Inlet region of Alaska. This earthquake had a preliminary magnitude of 3.5 and was located at a depth of about 2 miles (4 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:

- 66 km (41 miles) NW of Tyonek
- 72 km (45 miles) SW of Skwentna
- 110 km (69 miles) NNW of Kenai
- 111 km (69 miles) WSW of Willow
- 118 km (74 miles) WNW of Anchorage
- 121 km (76 miles) NNW of Soldotna
- 123 km (77 miles) WNW of Elmendorf AFB
- 125 km (78 miles) NNW of Sterling

Preliminary earthquake parameters:

- Origin Time (UT): 05/06/2002 13:29:38
- Latitude: 61 N 28’
- Longitude: 152 W 03’
- Depth: 4 km
- Magnitude: ML 3.5

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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