

News of the Institute

EERI Regional Seminar on Seismic Engineering Issues

Portland, Oregon
August 11-12, 1993

With FEMA funding, EERI is sponsoring a regional seminar on earthquake fundamentals for practicing engineers and design professionals in the northwestern United States.

Held at the downtown Holiday Inn in Portland, Oregon, the seminar will focus on seismicity and seismic risk analysis in the Pacific Northwest, geotechnical issues, engineering aspects of structural design, public policy issues, and the recent Scotts Mills earthquake. Speakers will be offering state-of-the-art information on earthquake engineering, as well as providing

the professional community with a better understanding of structural and nonstructural damage mitigation techniques.

The cost of the seminar will be \$75 per participant (\$35 for students), and includes lunch both days. A limited number of free student registrations are available. Advance registration is required, so watch your mailbox for the registration materials. Contact the EERI office for more information.

Many thanks to the local co-sponsor, the Department of Civil Engineering, Oregon State University, and in particular to Stephen Dickenson and Alan Hennried.

Learning from Earthquakes

The Shumagin, Alaska, Earthquake of May 13, 1993

On May 13, 1993, a strong earthquake of magnitude 6.9 occurred at 11:59 UTC in the area of Shumagin, Alaska. A second shock of magnitude 6.2 followed on May 25 at 23:16 UTC at the same location, and was assumed to be an aftershock. Although the main shock was widely felt, with intensities of up to MM VI, no structural damage was reported. Damage reports included accounts of objects falling from storage shelves. A portable network of seven recording stations has been installed by the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory and the University of Alaska Fairbanks to monitor future aftershocks.



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