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## Iceberg D-36B Has Calved from Iceberg D-36A

18APR2025, SUITLAND, MD — The U.S. National Ice Center (USNIC) has confirmed that iceberg D-36B calved from D-36A in the southern Amery Sea. As of April 15, D-36A was centered at 66° 18' South and 86° 33' East and measured 6 nautical miles on its longest axis and 5 nautical miles on its widest axis. D-36B was centered at 66° 15' South and 86° 44' West and measured 9 nautical miles on its longest axis and 2 nautical miles on its widest axis. D-36A first calved from the West Ice Shelf in 2024.

The new iceberg was first spotted and confirmed by USNIC Analyst, Isabelle Marcus, using the RADARSAT-2 image below.

Iceberg names are derived from the Antarctic quadrant in which they were originally calved. The quadrants are divided counter-clockwise in the following manner:

- A = 0-90W (Bellingshausen/Weddell Sea)
- B = 90W-180 (Amundsen/Eastern Ross Sea)
- C = 180-90E (Western Ross Sea/Wilkesland)
- D = 90E-0 (Amery/Eastern Weddell Sea)

When first sighted, an iceberg's point of origin is documented by USNIC. The letter of the quadrant, along with a sequential number, is assigned to the iceberg. For example, C-19 is sequentially the 19th iceberg tracked by USNIC in Antarctica between 180-90E (Quadrant C). Icebergs with letter suffixes have calved from already named icebergs, where the letters are added in sequential order. For example, C-19D is the 4th iceberg to calve off the original C-19 iceberg.

Iceberg positions are analyzed weekly and are available on the USNIC webpage at:  
<https://usicecenter.gov/Products/AntarcIcebergs>



Figure 1: RADARSAT-2 image from April 15, 2025.

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