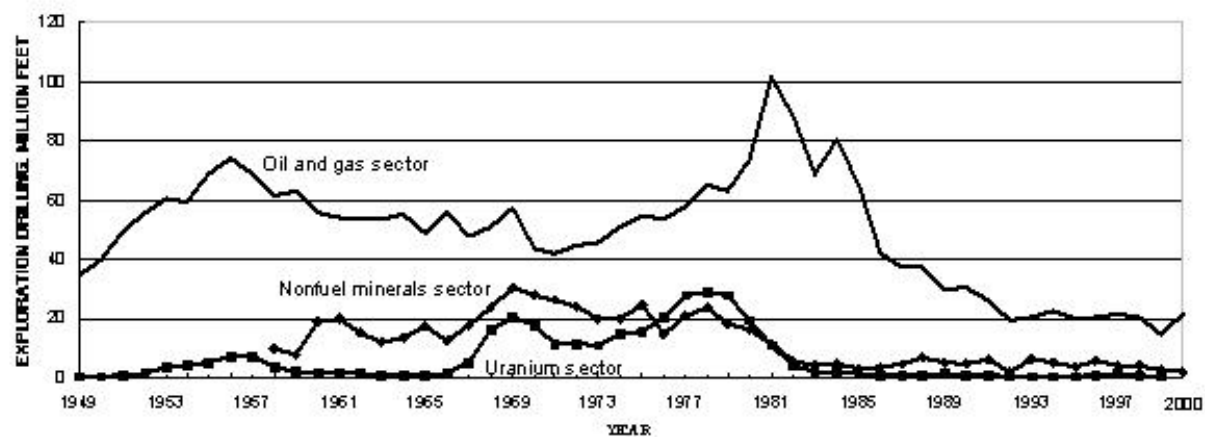


Figure 4. - U.S. exploration activity for selected natural resource sectors during the period 1949-2000, expressed by drilling length.



Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration; U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey