



Figure 12. Nonfuel mineral commodity exploration targets in Latin America, the United States, and the Pacific region for 1995-2004. Exploration activity is expressed in terms of the percentage of total regional exploration, as determined by the number of active exploration sites considered for each year of this study. Other includes ferrous and additional nonferrous metals, industrial minerals, and semi-precious gemstones. Exploration in these regions has generally decreased during the study period, and commodity focus may have changed. A, Latin America; B, United States; C, Pacific region (including Southeast Asia and the Pacific islands, excluding Australia).