

Table 5.2 Crude Oil and Natural Gas Exploratory and Development Wells

	Wells Drilled												Total Footage Drilled Thousand Feet
	Exploratory				Development				Total				
	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Total	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Total	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Dry	Total	
	Number												
1973 Total	642	1,067	5,952	7,661	9,525	5,866	4,368	19,759	10,167	6,933	10,320	27,420	138,223
1975 Total	982	1,248	7,129	9,359	15,966	6,879	6,517	29,362	16,948	8,127	13,646	38,721	180,494
1980 Total	1,777	2,099	9,081	12,957	31,182	15,362	11,704	58,248	32,959	17,461	20,785	71,205	316,943
1985 Total	1,680	1,200	8,954	11,834	33,581	13,124	12,257	58,962	35,261	14,324	21,211	70,796	314,409
1990 Total	778	812	3,650	5,240	11,701	10,300	4,576	26,577	12,479	11,112	8,226	31,817	155,278
1995 Total	570	557	2,023	3,150	7,349	7,418	2,781	17,548	7,919	7,975	4,804	20,698	116,656
1996 Total	489	576	1,955	3,020	8,123	8,367	2,922	19,412	8,612	8,943	4,877	22,432	125,987
1997 Total	491	561	2,111	3,163	10,555	10,879	3,744	25,178	11,046	11,440	5,855	28,341	161,280
1998 Total	327	566	1,588	2,481	7,232	10,946	3,166	21,344	7,559	11,512	4,754	23,825	137,108
1999 Total	196	565	1,156	1,917	4,542	11,337	2,362	18,241	4,738	11,902	3,518	20,158	102,606
2000 Total	288	658	1,339	2,285	7,703	16,284	2,791	26,778	7,991	16,942	4,130	29,063	144,170
2001 Total	356	1,047	1,715	3,118	8,456	20,926	2,831	32,213	8,812	21,973	4,546	35,331	179,771
2002 Total	257	843	1,275	2,375	6,474	16,394	2,446	25,314	6,731	17,237	3,721	27,689	144,851
2003 Total	353	997	1,287	2,637	7,695	19,630	2,637	29,962	8,048	20,627	3,924	32,599	176,858
2004 Total	386	1,681	1,335	3,402	8,319	22,379	2,677	33,375	8,705	24,060	4,012	36,777	203,991
2005 Total	532	2,154	1,452	4,138	10,119	26,297	3,193	39,609	10,651	28,451	4,645	43,747	240,964
2006 Total	671	2,590	1,528	4,789	12,462	29,888	3,703	46,053	13,133	32,478	5,231	50,842	285,391
2007													
January	59	243	118	420	984	2,293	300	3,577	1,043	2,536	418	3,997	23,530
February	61	215	100	376	900	2,081	248	3,229	961	2,296	348	3,605	22,455
March	63	288	121	472	999	2,330	296	3,625	1,062	2,618	417	4,097	25,503
April	62	267	125	454	955	2,185	260	3,400	1,017	2,452	385	3,854	23,920
May	56	300	155	511	1,040	2,448	312	3,800	1,096	2,748	467	4,311	26,692
June	87	267	126	480	1,064	2,618	279	3,961	1,151	2,885	405	4,441	26,071
July	86	302	139	527	1,032	2,497	309	3,838	1,118	2,799	448	4,365	26,694
August	68	300	126	494	1,095	2,746	355	4,196	1,163	3,046	481	4,690	28,552
September	77	279	138	494	994	2,455	295	3,744	1,071	2,734	433	4,238	25,367
October	85	335	169	589	1,119	2,789	333	4,241	1,204	3,124	502	4,830	28,739
November	64	328	186	578	1,010	2,556	291	3,857	1,074	2,884	477	4,435	26,815
December	64	262	127	453	992	2,238	279	3,509	1,056	2,500	406	3,962	23,866
Total	832	3,386	1,630	5,848	12,184	29,236	3,557	44,977	13,016	32,622	5,187	50,825	308,204
2008													
January	93	264	155	512	1,093	2,271	282	3,646	1,186	2,535	437	4,158	25,009
February	88	289	111	488	1,125	2,264	285	3,674	1,213	2,553	396	4,162	24,971
March	70	272	135	477	1,116	2,277	306	3,699	1,186	2,549	441	4,176	25,031
April	72	263	134	469	1,209	2,373	299	3,881	1,281	2,636	433	4,350	26,039
May	100	259	141	500	1,349	2,414	282	4,045	1,449	2,673	423	4,545	27,148
June	64	237	149	450	1,481	2,480	330	4,291	1,545	2,717	479	4,741	28,124
July	72	207	168	447	1,427	2,576	343	4,346	1,499	2,783	511	4,793	28,558
August	74	216	161	451	1,474	2,721	374	4,569	1,548	2,937	535	5,020	29,928
September	61	205	170	436	1,520	2,632	344	4,496	1,581	2,837	514	4,932	29,305
October	86	238	159	483	1,567	2,697	351	4,615	1,653	2,935	510	5,098	30,320
November	88	233	158	479	1,589	2,623	348	4,560	1,677	2,856	506	5,039	29,908
December	82	210	145	437	1,451	2,409	316	4,176	1,533	2,619	461	4,613	27,393
Total	950	2,893	1,786	5,629	16,401	29,737	3,860	49,998	17,351	32,630	5,646	55,627	331,734
2009													
January	75	185	126	386	1,221	2,129	284	3,634	1,296	2,314	410	4,020	23,933
February	57	159	107	323	1,005	1,807	238	3,050	1,062	1,966	345	3,373	20,103
March	47	133	89	269	839	1,518	199	2,556	886	1,651	288	2,825	16,841
3-Month Total	179	477	322	978	3,065	5,454	721	9,240	3,244	5,931	1,043	10,218	60,877
2008 3-Month Total	251	825	401	1,477	3,334	6,812	873	11,019	3,585	7,637	1,274	12,496	75,011
2007 3-Month Total	183	746	339	1,268	2,883	6,704	844	10,431	3,066	7,450	1,183	11,699	71,488

R=Revised.

Notes: • Prior to 1990, these well counts include only the original drilling of a hole intended to discover or further develop already discovered crude oil or natural gas resources. Other drilling activities, such as drilling an old well deeper, drilling of laterals from the original well, drilling of service and injection wells, and drilling for resources other than crude oil or natural gas are excluded. After 1990, a new well is defined as the first hole in the ground whether it is lateral or not. Due to the methodology used to estimate ultimate well counts from the available partially reported data, the counts shown on this page are frequently revised. See Note,

"Crude Oil and Natural Gas Exploratory and Development Wells," at end of section.

• Geographic coverage is the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Web Page: See <http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/resource.html> for all available data beginning in 1973.

Sources: • 1973-1989: Energy Information Administration (EIA) computations based on well reports submitted to the American Petroleum Institute. • 1990 forward: EIA computations based on well reports submitted to the Information Handling Services Energy Group, Inc.