

Table 4.9 Uranium Exploration and Development Drilling, Selected Years, 1949-2011

| Year | Exploration ¹ | | Development ² | | Total | |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Holes Drilled | Footage Drilled | Holes Drilled | Footage Drilled | Holes Drilled | Footage Drilled |
| | Thousands | Million Feet | Thousands | Million Feet | Thousands | Million Feet |
| 1949 | NA | 0.36 | NA | 0.05 | NA | 0.41 |
| 1950 | NA | .57 | NA | .21 | NA | .78 |
| 1955 | NA | 5.27 | NA | .76 | NA | 6.03 |
| 1960 | 7.34 | 1.40 | 24.40 | 4.21 | 31.73 | 5.61 |
| 1965 | 6.23 | 1.16 | 7.33 | .95 | 13.56 | 2.11 |
| 1970 | 43.98 | 17.98 | 14.87 | 5.55 | 58.85 | 23.53 |
| 1975 | 34.29 | 15.69 | 21.60 | 9.73 | 55.89 | 25.42 |
| 1976 | 40.41 | 20.36 | 27.23 | 14.44 | 67.64 | 34.80 |
| 1977 | 62.60 | 27.96 | 30.86 | 17.62 | 93.45 | 45.58 |
| 1978 | 75.07 | 28.95 | 29.29 | 19.15 | 104.35 | 48.10 |
| 1979 | 60.46 | 28.07 | 30.19 | 13.01 | 90.65 | 41.08 |
| 1980 | 39.61 | 19.60 | 20.19 | 8.59 | 59.80 | 28.19 |
| 1981 | 17.75 | 10.87 | 8.67 | 3.35 | 26.42 | 14.22 |
| 1982 | 6.97 | 4.23 | 3.00 | 1.13 | 9.97 | 5.36 |
| 1983 | 4.29 | 2.09 | 3.01 | 1.08 | 7.30 | 3.17 |
| 1984 | 4.80 | 2.26 | .72 | .29 | 5.52 | 2.55 |
| 1985 | 2.88 | 1.42 | .77 | .34 | 3.65 | 1.76 |
| 1986 | 1.99 | 1.10 | 1.85 | .97 | 3.83 | 2.07 |
| 1987 | 1.82 | 1.11 | 1.99 | .86 | 3.81 | 1.97 |
| 1988 | 2.03 | 1.28 | 3.18 | 1.73 | 5.21 | 3.01 |
| 1989 | 2.09 | 1.43 | 1.75 | .80 | 3.84 | 2.23 |
| 1990 | 1.51 | .87 | 1.91 | .81 | 3.42 | 1.68 |
| 1991 | 1.62 | .97 | 1.57 | .87 | 3.20 | 1.84 |
| 1992 | .94 | .56 | .83 | .50 | 1.77 | 1.06 |
| 1993 | .36 | .22 | 1.67 | .89 | 2.02 | 1.11 |
| 1994 | .52 | .34 | .48 | .32 | 1.00 | .66 |
| 1995 | .58 | .40 | 1.73 | .95 | 2.31 | 1.35 |
| 1996 | 1.12 | .88 | 3.58 | 2.16 | 4.70 | 3.05 |
| 1997 | 1.94 | 1.33 | 5.86 | 3.56 | 7.79 | 4.88 |
| 1998 | 1.37 | .89 | 5.23 | 3.75 | 6.60 | 4.64 |
| 1999 | .27 | .18 | 2.91 | 2.33 | 3.18 | 2.50 |
| 2000 | W | W | W | W | 1.55 | 1.02 |
| 2001 | .00 | .00 | 1.02 | .66 | 1.02 | .66 |
| 2002 | W | W | W | W | W | W |
| 2003 | NA | NA | NA | NA | W | W |
| 2004 | W | W | W | W | 2.19 | 1.25 |
| 2005 | W | W | W | W | 3.14 | 1.67 |
| 2006 | 1.47 | .82 | 3.43 | 1.89 | 4.90 | 2.71 |
| 2007 | 4.35 | 2.20 | 5.00 | 2.95 | 9.35 | 5.15 |
| 2008 | 5.20 | 2.54 | 4.16 | 2.55 | 9.36 | 5.09 |
| 2009 | 1.79 | 1.05 | 3.89 | 2.69 | 5.68 | 3.74 |
| 2010 | 2.44 | 1.46 | 4.77 | 3.44 | 7.21 | 4.90 |
| 2011 | 5.44 | 3.32 | 5.16 | 3.00 | 10.60 | 6.33 |

¹ Includes surface drilling in search of new ore deposits or extensions of known deposits and drilling at the location of a discovery up to the time the company decides sufficient ore reserves are present to justify commercial exploitation.

² Includes all surface drilling on an ore deposit to determine more precisely size, grade, and configuration subsequent to the time that commercial exploitation is deemed feasible.

NA=Not available. W=Value withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Web Pages: • See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#resources> for all data beginning in 1949. • For related information, see <http://www.eia.gov/nuclear/>.

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