To estimate ultimate well counts from the available partially reported data, the methodology used is based on the first hole in the ground whether it is lateral or not. Due to the methodology used, 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. Beginning in 1990, a new well is defined as any well that is not a lateral or a replacement well. Reports received by the American Petroleum Institute during the reporting year; for the United States Energy Information Administration / Monthly Energy Review March 2015.