

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

| Year | Exploration <sup>1</sup> |                 | Development <sup>2</sup> |                 | 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            |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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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