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Preface

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports data spanning 1996 through first quarter 2018 on U.S. uranium production activities in this report, *Domestic Uranium Production Report 1st Quarter 2018*. Data in this report are based on information reported on Form EIA-851A, “Domestic Uranium Production Report (Annual)” and Form EIA-851Q, “Domestic Uranium Production Report (Quarterly).”

Previous issues of this report may be found on the EIA website at <http://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/quarterly>

Definitions for terms used in this report can be found in EIA’s Energy Glossary: <http://www.eia.gov/tools/glossary/>.

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1st Quarter 2018

U.S. production of uranium concentrate in the first quarter 2018 was 226,780 pounds U_3O_8 , down 64% from the fourth quarter 2017 and down 50% from the first quarter 2017. During the first quarter 2018, U.S. uranium was produced at seven U.S. uranium facilities, the same number as in the fourth quarter 2017.

U.S. uranium mill in production (state)

1. White Mesa Mill (Utah)

U.S. uranium in-situ leach plants in production (state)

2. Crow Butte Operation (Nebraska)
3. Lost Creek Project (Wyoming)
4. Nichols Ranch ISR Project (Wyoming)
5. Ross CPP (Wyoming)
6. Smith Ranch-Highland Operation (Wyoming)
7. Willow Creek Project (Wyoming)

Table 1. Total production of uranium concentrate in the United States, 1996 – 1st Quarter 2018pounds U₃O₈

Calendar-year quarter	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	Calendar-year total
1996	1,734,427	1,460,058	1,691,796	1,434,425	6,320,706
1997	1,149,050	1,321,079	1,631,384	1,541,052	5,642,565
1998	1,151,587	1,143,942	1,203,042	1,206,003	4,704,574
1999	1,196,225	1,132,566	1,204,984	1,076,897	4,610,672
2000	1,018,683	983,330	981,948	973,585	3,975,545
2001	709,177	748,298	628,720	553,060	2,639,256
2002	620,952	643,432	579,723	500,000	2,344,107
2003	400,000	600,000	400,000	600,000	2,000,000
2004	600,000	400,000	588,738	600,000	2,282,406
2005	709,600	630,053	663,068	686,456	2,689,178
2006	931,065	894,268	1,083,808	1,196,485	4,105,626
2007	1,162,737	1,119,536	1,075,460	1,175,845	4,533,578
2008	810,189	1,073,315	980,933	1,037,946	3,902,383
2009	880,036	982,760	956,657	888,905	3,708,358
2010	876,084	1,055,102	1,150,725	1,146,281	4,228,192
2011	1,063,047	1,189,083	846,624	892,013	3,990,767
2012	1,078,404	1,061,289	1,048,018	957,936	4,145,647
2013	1,147,031	1,394,232	1,171,278	946,301	4,658,842
2014	1,242,179	1,095,011	1,468,608	1,085,534	4,891,332
2015	1,154,408	789,980	774,541	624,278	3,343,207
2016	626,522	745,306	818,783	725,947	2,916,558
2017	450,215	726,375	643,212	622,987	2,442,789
P2018	226,780	NA	NA	NA	226,780

E = Estimated data. P = Preliminary data. NA = Not available. -- = Not applicable.

Notes: The reported 4th quarter 2002 production amount was adjusted by rounding to the nearest 100,000 pounds to avoid disclosure of individual company data. This also affects the 2002 annual production. The reported 2003 and 1st, 2nd, and 4th quarter 2004 production amounts were adjusted by rounding to the nearest 200,000 pounds to avoid disclosure of individual company data. The reported 2004 total is the actual production for 2004. Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Production reflects primary source uranium from the six operating in-situ leach facilities as well as primary, alternate and recycled feed at the White Mesa Mill in Utah. The owner of the White Mesa Mill, Energy Fuels Inc., provides additional information on the mill's operations in its financial filings, including the amount of U308 produced from alternative feeds. The company's financial filings are, at this writing, available at <http://www.energyfuels.com/investors/financials/>.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A and Form EIA-851Q, "Domestic Uranium Production Report."

Table 2. Number of uranium mills and plants producing uranium concentrate in the United States

End of	Uranium concentrate processing facilities				Total
	Mills - conventional milling ¹	Mills - other operations ²	In-situ-leach plants ³	Byproduct recovery plants ⁴	
1996	0	2	5	2	9
1997	0	3	6	2	11
1998	0	2	6	1	9
1999	1	2	4	0	7
2000	1	2	3	0	6
2001	0	1	3	0	4
2002	0	1	2	0	3
2003	0	0	2	0	2
2004	0	0	3	0	3
2005	0	1	3	0	4
2006	0	1	5	0	6
2007	0	1	5	0	6
2008	1	0	6	0	7
2009	0	1	3	0	4
2010	1	0	4	0	5
2011	1	0	5	0	6
2012	1	0	5	0	6
2013	0	1	6	0	7
2014	0	0	7	0	7
2015	0	0	4	0	4
2016	0	1	6	0	7
2017	0	1	6	0	7
1st quarter 2018	0	1	6	0	7

¹ Milling uranium-bearing ore.

² Not milling ore, but producing uranium concentrate from other (non-ore) materials.

³ Not including in-situ-leach plants that only produced uranium concentrate from restoration.

⁴ Uranium concentrate as a byproduct from phosphate production.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A and Form EIA-851Q, "Domestic Uranium Production Report."

Table 3. U.S. uranium mills and heap leach facilities by owner, location, capacity, and operating status

Owner	Mill and Heap Leach ¹ Facility name	County, state (existing and planned locations)	Capacity (short tons of ore per day)	Operating status at end of				
				2017	1st quarter 2018	2nd quarter 2018	3rd quarter 2018	4th quarter 2018
Anfield Resources Inc.	Shootaring Canyon Uranium Mill	Garfield, Utah	750	Standby	Standby			
EFR White Mesa LLC	White Mesa Mill	San Juan, Utah	2,000	Operating-Processing Alternate Feed	Operating-Processing Alternate Feed			
Energy Fuels Wyoming Inc	<i>Sheep Mountain</i>	<i>Fremont, Wyoming</i>	725	Undeveloped	Undeveloped			
Kennecott Uranium Company/Wyoming Coal Resource Company	Sweetwater Uranium Project	Sweetwater, Wyoming	3,000	Standby	Standby			
Pinon Ridge Corporation	Pinon Ridge Mill	<i>Montrose, Colorado</i>	500	Permitted and Licensed	Permitted and Licensed			
Total Capacity:			6,975					

¹ Heap leach solutions: The separation, or dissolving-out from mined rock, of the soluble uranium constituents by the natural action of percolating a prepared chemical solution through mounded (heaped) rock material. The mounded material usually contains low grade mineralized material and/or waste rock produced from open pit or underground mines. The solutions are collected after percolation is completed and processed to recover the valued components.

- = No data reported

Notes: Capacity for 1st Quarter 2018. An operating status of "Operating" indicates the mill usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A and Form EIA-851Q, "Domestic Uranium Production Report."

Table 4. U.S. uranium in-situ-leach plants by owner, location, capacity, and operating status

In-situ-leach plant owner	In-situ-leach plant name	County, state (existing and planned locations)	Production capacity (pounds U ₃ O ₈ per year)	Operating status at end of				
				2017	1st quarter 2018	2nd quarter 2018	3rd quarter 2018	4th quarter 2018
AUC LLC	Reno Creek	Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed			
Azarga Uranium Corp	Dewey Burdock Project	Fall River and Custer, South Dakota	1,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed			
Cameco	Crow Butte Operation	Dawes, Nebraska	1,000,000	Operating	Operating			
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Church Rock	McKinley, New Mexico	1,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed			
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Crownpoint	McKinley, New Mexico	1,000,000	Partially Permitted And Licensed	Partially Permitted And Licensed			
Lost Creek ISR LLC	Lost Creek Project	Sweetwater, Wyoming	2,000,000	Operating	Operating			
Mestena Uranium LLC	Alta Mesa Project	Brooks, Texas	1,500,000	Standby	Standby			
Power Resources, Inc. dba Cameco Resources	Smith Ranch-Highland Operation	Converse, Wyoming	5,500,000	Operating	Operating			
South Texas Mining Venture	Hobson ISR Plant	Karnes, Texas	1,000,000	Standby	Standby			
South Texas Mining Venture	La Palangana	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	Standby	Standby			
Strata Energy Inc	Ross CPP	Crook, Wyoming	375,000	Operating	Operating			

Table 4. U.S. uranium in-situ-leach plants by owner, location, capacity, and operating status (cont.)

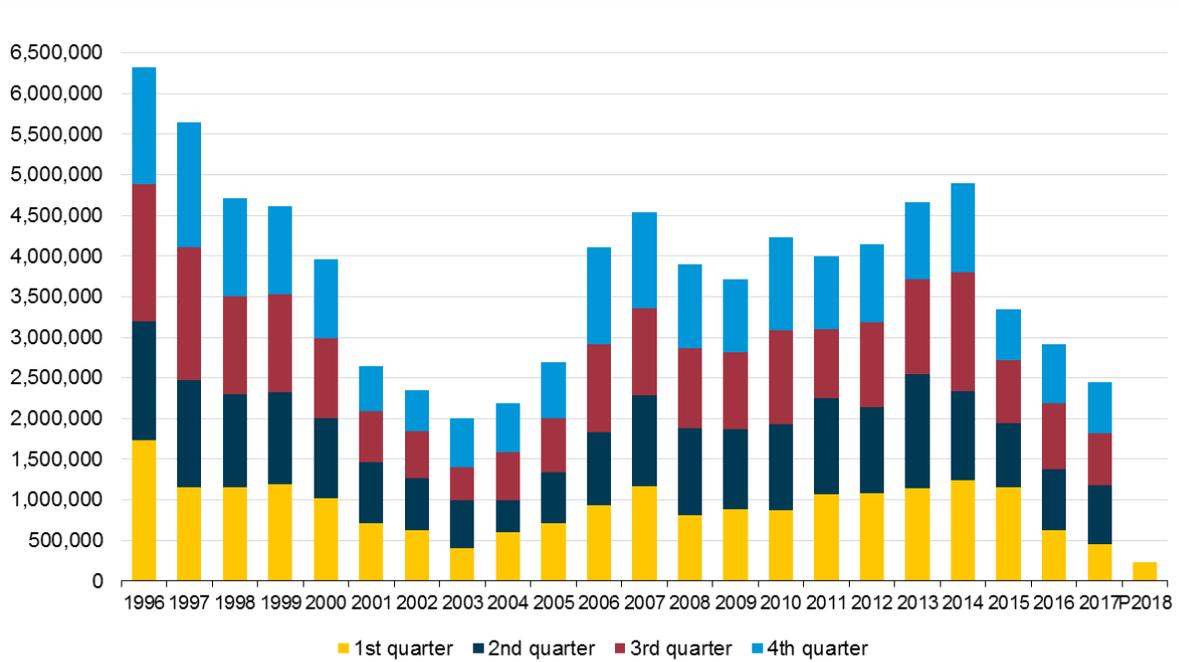
In-situ-leach plant owner	In-situ-leach plant name	County, state (existing and planned locations)	Production capacity (pounds U ₃ O ₈ per year)	Operating status at end of			
				2017	1st quarter 2018	2nd quarter 2018	3rd quarter 2018
Uranerz Energy Corporation (An Energy Fuels company)	Nichols Ranch ISR Project	Johnson and Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	Operating	Operating		
	Goliad ISR Uranium Project	Goliad, Texas	1,000,000	Permitted And Licensed	Permitted And Licensed		
Uranium Energy Corp.	Jab and Antelope	Sweetwater, Wyoming	2,000,000	Developing	Developing		
Uranium One Americas, Inc.	Moore Ranch	Campbell, Wyoming	500,000	Permitted And Licensed	Permitted And Licensed		
Uranium One USA, Inc.	Willow Creek Project (Christensen Ranch and Irigaray)	Campbell and Johnson, Wyoming	1,300,000	Operating	Operating		
Total Production Capacity:			24,175,000				

Notes: Production capacity for 1st Quarter 2018. An operating status of "Operating" indicates the in-situ-leach plant usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period. Hobson ISR Plant processed uranium concentrate that came from La Palangana. Hobson and La Palangana are part of the same project. ISR stands for in-situ recovery. Christensen Ranch and Irigaray are part of the Willow Creek Project. Uranerz Energy has a tolling arrangement with Cameco Resources. Uranium is first processed at the Nichols Ranch plant and then transported to the Smith Ranch-Highland Operation plant for final processing into Uranerz's uranium concentrate. CPP stands for central processing plant.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A and Form EIA-851Q, "Domestic Uranium Production Report."

Figure 1. Uranium concentrate production in the United States, 1996 – 1st Quarter 2018

pounds U₃O₈



P = Preliminary data.

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