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NEVADA MINERALS INDUSTRY FACT SHEET – 2009

- FACT:** Nevada led the United States in the production of gold in 2009. Nevada's mines produced 5.033 million ounces, down from the 2008 production level of 5.698 million ounces. Nevada's silver production was 7.31 million ounces in 2009.
- FACT:** Nevada's gold mines contributed 75% of the U.S. gold production in 2009, and 7% of the total world's gold production.
- FACT:** About 24% of Nevada's gold was produced from underground mines in 2009.
- FACT:** In 2009, Nevada produced aggregates, barite, clays, copper, diatomite, dolomite, gypsum, lime and limestone, lithium compounds, magnesite, mercury, molybdenum, perlite, precious opals, salt, and silica sand.
- FACT:** In 2009, approximately \$5.8 billion in mineral commodities were produced in Nevada.
- FACT:** In 2009, there were on average 11,609 Nevadans directly employed by the mineral industry at an average salary of \$77,727. It is estimated that another 49,000 jobs are involved in supplying goods and services to the industry.
- FACT:** There are 19 geothermal electric generating plants that produced 1.7 million megawatt hours of electricity in 2009. That is enough power to supply 85,000 typical homes.
- FACT:** In 2009, approximately 455,000 barrels of oil were produced from oil fields in Nye and Eureka counties.
- FACT:** Mineral exploration activity remained strong in 2009, which should lead to additional discoveries and production in the future.