

**TABLE 3: UNITED STATES MERCURY SUPPLY AND DEMAND**  
(Metric tons)

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Mine production(1) - metric tons	379	414	448	0	0	0
By-product production(2)	W	W	114	58	64	W
Secondary production:						
Industrial	278	137	108	165	176	350
Government(3)	214	180	193	215	103	0
Industry stocks, year-end(4)	338	217	197	313	436	400
Shipments from the National Defense						
Stockpile(5)	52	170	52	103	267	543
Imports for consumption	329	131	15	56	92	40
Exports	NA	221	311	786	977	389
Industrial demand (consumption)	1503	1212	720	554	621	558*

(1) Comprises only the mercury produced at the McDermitt Mine, as reported in Placer Dome Inc. annual and 10-K reports. The mine was closed in November 1990.

(2) Mercury by-product from nine gold mining operations.

(3) Secondary mercury shipped from U.S. Department of Energy stocks.

(4) Stocks at consumers and dealers only. Mine stocks withheld to avoid disclosing company proprietary data.

(5) Primary mercury. This quantity represents shipments during the 1993 calendar year. Congressional authorization for stockpile sales is based on a fiscal year (October-September) which bridges 2 calendar years.

w = withheld to avoid disclosing proprietary information

\* Note: See Table 4 for a breakdown of mercury consumption by industrial category.

Source: United States Bureau of Mines, Mineral Industry Surveys, July 22, 1994.