

Nuclear Latency (NL) Dataset
Country Coding Sheets

MEXICO

COW COUNTRY CODE: 70

Mexico reportedly had an interest in reprocessing during the 1980s. It eventually cancelled the program, however, without making much progress. We have seen no evidence that it ever introduced materials in a lab (or pilot facility) with the intent to separate plutonium.

In addition, there was reportedly centrifuge-related research in Mexico at various points from 1978 to 1994.¹ We have found no clear evidence that Mexico attempted to enrich uranium with centrifuges, so we excluded these activities from the dataset.

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