This map displays Latin America and Canada political boundaries along with the locations of more than 900 resource extraction and processing facilities. These facilities include mines, oil and gas fields, refineries, smelters, and other processing plants of aluminum, cement, coal, copper, gold, iron and steel, lead, nickel, salt, silver, and zinc, among others. The data used in this poster were compiled from multiple sources, including the most recent available information from the 2003 through 2005 USGS Minerals Yearbook (Latin America and Canada volumes), Minerals Statistics and Information from the USGS Web Site (http://minerals.usgs.gov/minerals/), and data collected by USGS minerals information country specialists from sources such as statistical publications of individual countries, annual reports and press releases of operating companies, and trade journals. Data reflect the most recent published table of industry structures for each country at the time of this publication.

Additional information and explanation is available from the country specialists.

See Table 1 for general information about each mineral facility site including country, location and facility name, facility type, geographic coordinates, commodity, mining method, main operating company, status, capacity, and more.