## Timeline of world's nuclear tests Atmospheric Underground North Korea has become the TESTS world's eighth nuclear power. U.S. 1.030 Since 1945, over 2,000 nuclear USSR 496 tests have been conducted at 210 France more than a dozen different sites around the globe UK 45 Vela Incident: Explosion in Indian Ocean in 1979 Nuclear powers China 45 suspected to be joint Countries used by nuclear India 3 Israeli-South African powers for tests (includes Pakistan 2 nuclear test ex-Soviet Union) Sites with over 100 tests North Korea 1 Ukraine. Novaya Zemlya Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan (USSR) Turkmenistan. (USSR) (USSR) Russia North Ou.s Korea China Nevada\_ Marshall Test Site Islands (U.S.) (U.S.) Algeria India Mururoa Atoll Australia (France) **Pakistan** (France) (UK) NUMBER OF TESTS 1961: USSR tests largest ever nuclear 1945-2006 bomb - 50-megaton thermonuclear Tsar Bomba \_1962: Nuclear tests reach 178 1945: First atomic test by U.S. and 1963: Limited Test Ban Treaty 1998: Pakistan bombinas of bans all but underground testing and India carry Hiroshima and out tests 1996: Comprehensive Nuclear Nagasaki, Test Ban Treaty signed by 2006: North Japan 71 nations Korea carries 1952: U.S. out first tests first underground hvdrogen test bomb 1950 1960 1980 1990 2000 Source: Natural Resources Defense Council © GRAPHIC NEWS