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Threshold Limits Value for 1952.

The threshold limit values adopted by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists in Cincinnati, in April, 1952, are published in Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Medicine, August 1952 (6, 178-180). No changes have been made in the values adopted in 1951. The following additions have been made: cresol, 5; phenol, 5; dimethyl amine, 25; ethyl amine, 25; and methylal, 1000; all parts per million. The radiations section includes gamma and roentgen rays, each 0.3 roentgens per week as before. The figures for radon, thoron, and polonium have been omitted.

Morbidity Statistics Clearinghouse.

A clearinghouse for current studies and surveys of morbidity has recently been established under the auspices of the Public Health Conference on Records and Statistics. Its purpose is to help public health and medical workers find out where specific data on diseases, injuries, and impairments may be obtained. It will also enable those planning new projects involving the measurement of illness to benefit from the experience of others who have undertaken similar tasks. The Clearinghouse will at regular intervals conduct a canvass to learn about studies in progress.

With the permission of those responsible for the projects, lists of new projects containing brief outlines of the methods used and data collected will be released from time to time. The membership of the Clearinghouse is made up chiefly of representatives from state and large city health departments, voluntary health associations, and the Public Health Service. Inquiries may be directed to: Clearinghouse on Current Morbidity Statistics Projects, Division of Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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