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## THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUES FOR 1962

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Threshold limits should be used as guides in the control of health hazards and should not be regarded as fine lines between safe and dangerous concentrations. They represent conditions under which it is believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed, day after day, without adverse effect. The values listed refer to time-weighted average concentrations for a normal workday. The amount by which these figures may be exceeded for short periods without injury to health depends upon a number of factors such as the nature of the contaminant, whether very high concentrations even for short periods produce acute poisoning, whether the effects are cumulative, the frequency with which high concentrations occur, and the duration of such periods. All must be taken into consideration in arriving at a decision as to whether a hazardous situation exists. Special consideration should be given to the application of these values in assessing the health hazards which may be associated with exposure to combinations of two or more substances.

Threshold limits are based on the best available information from industrial experience, from experimental studies, and, when possible, from a combination of the two.\* These values are based on various criteria of toxic effects or on marked discomfort; thus, they should not be used as a common denominator of toxicity, nor should they be considered as the sole criterion in proving or disproving diagnosis of suspected occupational disease.

These limits are intended for use in the field of industrial hygiene and should be employed by persons trained in this field. They are not intended for use, or for modification for use, (1) as a relative index of toxicity, by making a ratio of two limits, or (2) in the evaluation or control of community air pollution or air pollution nuisances.

These values are reviewed annually by the Committee on Threshold Limits for changes, revisions, or additions as further information becomes available. The Committee welcomes the suggestion of substances to be added to the list and also comments, references, or reports of experience with these materials.

\*"Documentation of Threshold Limit Values" is a compilation by the Committee on Threshold Limit Values of the best available technical evidence substantiating these VALUES. It can be purchased from the Secretary-Treasurer, American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, 1014 Broadway, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, price \$4.00.

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# RECOMMENDED VALUES

(In Alphabetical Order)

| Substance                                                                                           | ppm+  | Mg/M <sup>3</sup> + |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Acetaldehyde-----                                                                                   | 200   | 360                 |
| Acetic acid-----                                                                                    | 10    | 25                  |
| Acetic anhydride-----                                                                               | 5     | 20                  |
| Acetone-----                                                                                        | 1,000 | 2,400               |
| Acetonitrile-----                                                                                   | 40    | 70                  |
| Acetylene tetrabromide-----                                                                         | 1     | 14                  |
| Acrolein-----                                                                                       | 0.5   | 1.2                 |
| Acrylonitrile - Skin-----                                                                           | 20    | 45                  |
| Aldrin (1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-1,4,4a,5,8,8a-hexahydro-1,4,5,8-dimethano-naphthalene) - Skin----- | ---   | 0.25                |
| Allyl alcohol - Skin-----                                                                           | 2     | 5                   |
| Allyl chloride-----                                                                                 | 5     | 15                  |
| Allyl glycidyl ether (AGE)-----                                                                     | 10    | 45                  |
| Allyl propyl disulfide-----                                                                         | 2     | 12                  |
| Ammonia-----                                                                                        | 100   | 70                  |
| Ammonium sulfamate (Ammate)-----                                                                    | ---   | 15                  |
| Amyl acetate-----                                                                                   | 200   | 1,050               |
| Amyl alcohol (isoamyl alcohol)-----                                                                 | 100   | 360                 |
| Aniline - Skin-----                                                                                 | 5     | 19                  |
| Antimony-----                                                                                       | ---   | 0.5                 |
| ANTU (alpha-naphthyl-thiourea)-----                                                                 | ---   | 0.3                 |
| Arsenic-----                                                                                        | ---   | 0.5                 |
| Arsine-----                                                                                         | 0.05  | 0.2                 |
| Barium (soluble compounds)-----                                                                     | ---   | 0.5                 |
| Benzene (benzol)-----                                                                               | 25    | 80                  |
| Benzyl chloride-----                                                                                | 1     | 5                   |
| Beryllium-----                                                                                      | ---   | 0.002               |
| Boron oxide-----                                                                                    | ---   | 15                  |
| Boron trifluoride-----                                                                              | 1     | 3                   |
| Bromine-----                                                                                        | 0.1   | 0.7                 |
| Butadiene (1,3-butadiene)-----                                                                      | 1,000 | 2,200               |
| 2-Butanone (methyl ethyl ketone)-----                                                               | 200   | 590                 |
| 2-Butoxy ethanol (Butyl Cellosolve)-----                                                            | 50    | 240                 |
| Butyl acetate (n-butyl acetate)-----                                                                | 200   | 950                 |
| Butyl alcohol-----                                                                                  | 100   | 300                 |
| tert. Butyl alcohol-----                                                                            | 100   | 300                 |
| Butylamine-----                                                                                     | 5     | 15                  |
| n-Butyl glycidyl ether (BGE)-----                                                                   | 50    | 270                 |
| Butyl mercaptan-----                                                                                | 10    | 35                  |
| p-tert. Butyltoluene-----                                                                           | 10    | 60                  |
| Cadmium oxide fume-----                                                                             | ---   | 0.1                 |
| *Calcium arsenate-----                                                                              | ---   | 1                   |

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Note: The word "Skin" following a substance indicates that the liquid can penetrate the skin to contribute to the exposure.

| Substance                                                                                                           | ppm+  | Mg/M <sup>3</sup> <sub>+</sub> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Carbon dioxide-----                                                                                                 | 5,000 | 9,000                          |
| Carbon disulfide - Skin-----                                                                                        | 20    | 60                             |
| Carbon monoxide-----                                                                                                | 100   | 110                            |
| *Carbon tetrachloride - Skin-----                                                                                   | 10    | 65                             |
| Chlordane (1,2,4,5,6,7,8,8-octachloro-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-4,7-methanoindene)-----                                  | ---   | 0.5                            |
| Chlorinated camphene, 60%-----                                                                                      | ---   | 0.5                            |
| Chlorinated diphenyl oxide-----                                                                                     | ---   | 0.5                            |
| Chlorine-----                                                                                                       | 1     | 3                              |
| Chlorine dioxide-----                                                                                               | 0.1   | 0.3                            |
| Chlorine trifluoride-----                                                                                           | 0.1   | 0.4                            |
| Chloroacetaldehyde-----                                                                                             | 1     | 3                              |
| Chlorobenzene (monochlorobenzene)-----                                                                              | 75    | 350                            |
| Chlorodiphenyl (42% Chlorine) - Skin-----                                                                           | ---   | 1                              |
| Chlorodiphenyl (54% Chlorine) - Skin-----                                                                           | ---   | 0.5                            |
| Chloroform (trichloromethane)-----                                                                                  | 50    | 240                            |
| 1-Chloro-1-nitropropane-----                                                                                        | 20    | 100                            |
| Chloropicrin-----                                                                                                   | 0.1   | 0.7                            |
| Chloroprene (2-chloro-1,3-butadiene)-----                                                                           | 25    | 90                             |
| Chromic acid and chromates (as CrO <sub>3</sub> )-----                                                              | ---   | 0.1                            |
| Crag ® herbicide (sodium 2- <u>2</u> ,4-dichlorophenoxy/ethanol hydrogen sulfate)-----                              | ---   | 15                             |
| Cresol (all isomers) - Skin-----                                                                                    | 5     | 22                             |
| Cyanide (as CN) - Skin-----                                                                                         | ---   | 5                              |
| Cyclohexane-----                                                                                                    | 400   | 1,400                          |
| Cyclohexanol-----                                                                                                   | 50    | 200                            |
| Cyclohexanone-----                                                                                                  | 50    | 200                            |
| Cyclohexene-----                                                                                                    | 400   | 1,350                          |
| 2, 4-D (2, 4-dichlorophenoxy-acetic acid)-----                                                                      | ---   | 10                             |
| DDT (2, 2-bis /p-chlorophenyl/- 1, 1,1-trichloroethane) Skin-----                                                   | ---   | 1                              |
| Decaborane - Skin-----                                                                                              | 0.05  | 0.3                            |
| Diacetone alcohol (4-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pentanone)---                                                               | 50    | 240                            |
| Diborane-----                                                                                                       | 0.1   | 0.1                            |
| *1,2-Dibromoethane (Ethylene dibromide)-----                                                                        | 25    | 190                            |
| o-Dichlorobenzene-----                                                                                              | 50    | 300                            |
| p-Dichlorobenzene-----                                                                                              | 75    | 450                            |
| Dichlorodifluoromethane-----                                                                                        | 1,000 | 4,950                          |
| 1, 1-Dichloroethane-----                                                                                            | 100   | 400                            |
| *1, 2-Dichloroethane (ethylene dichloride)-----                                                                     | 50    | 200                            |
| 1, 2-Dichloroethylene-----                                                                                          | 200   | 790                            |
| Dichloroethyl ether-----                                                                                            | 15    | 90                             |
| Dichloromonofluoromethane-----                                                                                      | 1,000 | 4,200                          |
| 1, 1-Dichloro-1-nitroethane-----                                                                                    | 10    | 60                             |
| Dichlorotetrafluoroethane-----                                                                                      | 1,000 | 7,000                          |
| Dieldrin (1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-6, 7-epoxy-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-1,4,5,8-dimethanonaphthalene) - Skin----- | ---   | 0.25                           |
| Diethylamine-----                                                                                                   | 25    | 75                             |
| Difluorodibromomethane-----                                                                                         | 100   | 860                            |

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| Substance                                                             | ppm+  | Mg/M <sup>3</sup> + |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Diglycidyl ether (DGE)-----                                           | 10    | 55                  |
| Diisobutyl ketone-----                                                | 50    | 290                 |
| Dimethylaniline (N-dimethylaniline) - Skin-----                       | 5     | 25                  |
| Dimethylformamide-----                                                | 20    | 60                  |
| 1, 1-Dimethylhydrazine - Skin-----                                    | 0.5   | 1                   |
| Dimethylsulfate - Skin-----                                           | 1     | 5                   |
| Dinitrobenzene - Skin-----                                            | ---   | 1                   |
| Dinitrotoluene - Skin-----                                            | ---   | 1.5                 |
| Dinitro-o-cresol - Skin-----                                          | ---   | 0.2                 |
| Dioxane (diethylene dioxide)-----                                     | 100   | 360                 |
| Dipropylene glycol methyl ether-----                                  | 100   | 600                 |
| EPN (O-ethyl O-p-nitrophenyl thionobenzenephosphonate)<br>- Skin----- | ---   | 0.5                 |
| Ethyl acetate-----                                                    | 400   | 1,400               |
| Ethyl acrylate - Skin-----                                            | 25    | 100                 |
| Ethyl alcohol (ethanol)-----                                          | 1,000 | 1,900               |
| Ethylamine-----                                                       | 25    | 45                  |
| Ethylbenzene-----                                                     | 200   | 870                 |
| Ethyl bromide-----                                                    | 200   | 890                 |
| Ethyl chloride-----                                                   | 1,000 | 2,600               |
| Ethyl ether-----                                                      | 400   | 1,200               |
| Ethyl formate-----                                                    | 100   | 300                 |
| Ethyl mercaptan-----                                                  | 250   | 640                 |
| Ethyl silicate-----                                                   | 100   | 850                 |
| Ethylene chlorohydrin - Skin-----                                     | 5     | 16                  |
| Ethylenediamine-----                                                  | 10    | 30                  |
| *Ethylene glycol dinitrate - Skin-----                                | 0.2   | 1.2                 |
| Ethylene imine - Skin-----                                            | 5     | 9                   |
| Ethylene oxide-----                                                   | 50    | 90                  |
| 2-Ethoxyethanol (Cellosolve)-----                                     | 200   | 740                 |
| 2-Ethoxyethylacetate (Cellosolve Acetate)-----                        | 100   | 540                 |
| Ferbam (ferric dimethyl dithiocarbamate)-----                         | ---   | 15                  |
| Ferrovanadium dust-----                                               | ---   | 1                   |
| Fluoride-----                                                         | ---   | 2.5                 |
| Fluorine-----                                                         | 0.1   | 0.2                 |
| Fluorotrichloromethane-----                                           | 1,000 | 5,600               |
| Formaldehyde-----                                                     | 5     | 6                   |
| Furfural-----                                                         | 5     | 20                  |
| Furfuryl alcohol-----                                                 | 50    | 200                 |
| Gasoline-----                                                         | 500   | 2,000               |
| Glycidol (2,3-epoxy-1-Propanol)-----                                  | 50    | 150                 |
| Heptane (n-heptane)-----                                              | 500   | 2,000               |
| Hexane (n-hexane)-----                                                | 500   | 1,800               |
| Hexanone (methyl butyl ketone)-----                                   | 100   | 410                 |
| sec-Hexyl acetate-----                                                | 100   | 590                 |
| Hexone (methyl isobutyl ketone)-----                                  | 100   | 410                 |
| Hydrazine - Skin-----                                                 | 1     | 1.3                 |
| Hydrogen bromide-----                                                 | 3     | 10                  |
| Hydrogen chloride-----                                                | 5     | 7                   |
| Hydrogen cyanide - Skin-----                                          | 10    | 11                  |

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| Substance                                                                            | ppm+  | Mg/M <sup>3</sup> + |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Hydrogen fluoride-----                                                               | 3     | 2                   |
| Hydrogen peroxide, 90%-----                                                          | 1     | 1.4                 |
| Hydrogen selenide-----                                                               | 0.05  | 0.2                 |
| Hydrogen sulfide-----                                                                | 20    | 30                  |
| Hydroquinone-----                                                                    | ---   | 2                   |
| Iodine-----                                                                          | 0.1   | 1                   |
| Iron oxide fume-----                                                                 | ---   | 15                  |
| Isophorone-----                                                                      | 25    | 140                 |
| Isopropylamine-----                                                                  | 5     | 12                  |
| Isopropyl glycidyl ether (IGE)-----                                                  | 50    | 240                 |
| Lead-----                                                                            | ---   | 0.2                 |
| Lead arsenate-----                                                                   | ---   | 0.15                |
| Lindane (hexachlorocyclohexane, gamma isomer)-----                                   | ---   | 0.5                 |
| Lithium hydride-----                                                                 | ---   | 0.025               |
| Magnesium oxide fume-----                                                            | ---   | 15                  |
| Malathion (O,O-dimethyl dithiophosphate of diethyl<br>mercaptosuccinate) - Skin----- | ---   | 15                  |
| Manganese-----                                                                       | ---   | 5                   |
| Mercury-----                                                                         | ---   | 0.1                 |
| Mercury (organic compounds) - Skin-----                                              | ---   | 0.01                |
| Mesityl oxide-----                                                                   | 25    | 100                 |
| Methoxychlor (2,2-di-p-methoxyphenyl-1,1,<br>1-trichloroethane)-----                 | ---   | 15                  |
| Methyl acetate-----                                                                  | 200   | 610                 |
| Methyl acetylene-----                                                                | 1,000 | 1,650               |
| Methyl acrylate - Skin-----                                                          | 10    | 35                  |
| Methylal (dimethoxymethane)-----                                                     | 1,000 | 3,100               |
| Methyl alcohol (methanol)-----                                                       | 200   | 260                 |
| Methyl bromide - Skin-----                                                           | 20    | 80                  |
| Methyl cellosolve (2-methoxyethanol)-----                                            | 25    | 80                  |
| Methyl cellosolve acetate (ethylene glycol monomethyl<br>ether acetate)-----         | 25    | 120                 |
| Methyl chloride-----                                                                 | 100   | 210                 |
| Methyl chloroform (1,1,1-trichloroethane)-----                                       | 500   | 2,700               |
| Methylcyclohexane-----                                                               | 500   | 2,000               |
| Methylcyclohexanol-----                                                              | 100   | 470                 |
| Methylcyclohexanone-----                                                             | 100   | 460                 |
| Methyl formate-----                                                                  | 100   | 250                 |
| Methyl isobutyl carbinol (methyl amyl alcohol)-----                                  | 25    | 100                 |
| Methyl mercaptan-----                                                                | 50    | 100                 |
| a-Methyl styrene-----                                                                | 100   | 480                 |
| Methylene chloride (dichloromethane)-----                                            | 500   | 1,750               |
| Monomethyl aniline - Skin-----                                                       | 2     | 9                   |
| Molybdenum<br>(soluble compounds)-----                                               | ---   | 5                   |
| (insoluble compounds)-----                                                           | ---   | 15                  |
| Naphtha (coal tar)-----                                                              | 200   | 800                 |
| Naphtha (petroleum)-----                                                             | 500   | 2,000               |
| Nickel carbonyl-----                                                                 | 0.001 | 0.007               |
| Nicotine - Skin-----                                                                 | ---   | 0.5                 |

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| Substance                                                              | ppm+  | Mg/M <sup>3</sup> + |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Nitric acid-----                                                       | 10    | 25                  |
| p-Nitroaniline - Skin-----                                             | 1     | 6                   |
| Nitrobenzene - Skin-----                                               | 1     | 5                   |
| Nitroethane-----                                                       | 100   | 310                 |
| Nitrogen dioxide-----                                                  | 5     | 9                   |
| *Nitroglycerin - Skin-----                                             | 0.2   | 2                   |
| Nitromethane-----                                                      | 100   | 250                 |
| 2-Nitropropane-----                                                    | 25    | 90                  |
| Nitrotoluene - Skin-----                                               | 5     | 30                  |
| Octane-----                                                            | 500   | 2,350               |
| Ozone-----                                                             | 0.1   | 0.2                 |
| Parathion (O, O, diethyl-O-p-nitrophenyl<br>thiophosphate) - Skin----- | ---   | 0.1                 |
| Pentachloronaphthalene - Skin-----                                     | ---   | 0.5                 |
| Pentachlorophenol - Skin-----                                          | ---   | 0.5                 |
| Pentanone (methyl propyl ketone)-----                                  | 200   | 700                 |
| Pentene-----                                                           | 1,000 | 2,950               |
| Perchloroethylene (tetrachloroethylene)-----                           | 100   | 670                 |
| Perchloromethyl mercaptan-----                                         | 0.1   | 0.8                 |
| Phenol - Skin-----                                                     | 5     | 19                  |
| Phenyl glycidyl ether (PGE)-----                                       | 50    | 310                 |
| Phenylhydrazine - Skin-----                                            | 5     | 22                  |
| Phosgene (carbonyl chloride)-----                                      | 1     | 4                   |
| Phosphine-----                                                         | 0.05  | 0.07                |
| Phosphoric acid-----                                                   | ---   | 1                   |
| Phosphorus (yellow)-----                                               | ---   | 0.1                 |
| Phosphorus pentachloride-----                                          | ---   | 1                   |
| Phosphorus pentasulfide-----                                           | ---   | 1                   |
| Phosphorus trichloride-----                                            | 0.5   | 3                   |
| Picric acid - Skin-----                                                | ---   | 0.1                 |
| Propyl acetate-----                                                    | 200   | 840                 |
| Propyl alcohol<br>(isopropyl alcohol)-----                             | 400   | 980                 |
| Propyl ether<br>(isopropyl ether)-----                                 | 500   | 2,100               |
| n-Propyl nitrate-----                                                  | 25    | 110                 |
| Propylene dichloride<br>(1,2-dichloropropane)-----                     | 75    | 350                 |
| Propylene imine - Skin-----                                            | 25    | 60                  |
| Propylene oxide-----                                                   | 100   | 240                 |
| *Pyrethrum-----                                                        | ---   | 5                   |
| Pyridine-----                                                          | 5     | 15                  |
| Quinone-----                                                           | 0.1   | 0.4                 |
| Rotenone (commercial)-----                                             | ---   | 5                   |
| Selenium compounds (as Se)-----                                        | ---   | 0.1                 |
| *Sodium fluoroacetate (1080) - Skin-----                               | ---   | 0.05                |
| Sodium hydroxide-----                                                  | ---   | 2                   |
| Stibine-----                                                           | 0.1   | 0.5                 |
| Stoddard solvent-----                                                  | 500   | 2,900               |
| Strychnine-----                                                        | ---   | 0.15                |

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| Substance                                                    | ppm+  | Mg/M <sup>3+</sup> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Styrene monomer (phenylethylene)-----                        | 100   | 420                |
| Sulfur dioxide-----                                          | 5     | 13                 |
| Sulfur hexafluoride-----                                     | 1,000 | 6,000              |
| Sulfuric acid-----                                           | ---   | 1                  |
| Sulfur monochloride-----                                     | 1     | 6                  |
| Sulfur pentafluoride-----                                    | 0.025 | 0.25               |
| TEDP (tetraethyl dithionopyrophosphate) - Skin-----          | ---   | 0.2                |
| TEPP (tetraethyl pyrophosphate) - Skin-----                  | ---   | 0.05               |
| Tellurium-----                                               | ---   | 0.1                |
| 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane - Skin-----                        | 5     | 35                 |
| Tetrahydrofuran-----                                         | 200   | 590                |
| Tetranitromethane-----                                       | 1     | 8                  |
| Tetryl (2,4,6-trinitrophenylmethylnitramine) - Skin-----     | ---   | 1.5                |
| Thallium (soluble compounds)-----                            | ---   | 0.1                |
| Thiram (tetramethyl thiuram disulfide)-----                  | ---   | 5                  |
| Titanium dioxide-----                                        | ---   | 15                 |
| Toluene (toluol)-----                                        | 200   | 750                |
| o-Toluidine - Skin-----                                      | 5     | 22                 |
| Tolylene-2, 4-diisocyanate-----                              | 0.02  | 0.14               |
| Trichloroethylene-----                                       | 100   | 520                |
| Trichloronaphthalene - Skin-----                             | ---   | 5                  |
| *1,1,2-Trichloro 1,2, 2-trifluoroethane-----                 | 1,000 | 7,600              |
| Triethylamine-----                                           | 25    | 100                |
| Trifluoromonobromomethane-----                               | 1,000 | 6,100              |
| Trinitrotoluene - Skin-----                                  | ---   | 1.5                |
| Triorthoeresyl phosphate-----                                | ---   | 0.1                |
| Triphenyl phosphate-----                                     | ---   | 3                  |
| Turpentine-----                                              | 100   | 560                |
| Uranium                                                      |       |                    |
| (soluble compounds)-----                                     | ---   | 0.05               |
| (insoluble compounds)-----                                   | ---   | 0.25               |
| Vanadium                                                     |       |                    |
| (V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> dust)-----                    | ---   | 0.5                |
| (V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> fume)-----                    | ---   | 0.1                |
| Vinyl chloride (chloroethylene)-----                         | 500   | 1,300              |
| Vinyl toluene-----                                           | 100   | 480                |
| *Warfarin (3- $\alpha$ -acetylbenzyl-4-hydroxycoumarin)----- | ---   | 0.1                |
| Yttrium-----                                                 | ---   | 5                  |
| Xylene (xylol)-----                                          | 200   | 870                |
| Xylidine - Skin-----                                         | 5     | 25                 |
| *Zinc oxide fume-----                                        | ---   | 5                  |
| Zirconium compounds (as Zr)-----                             | ---   | 5                  |

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Radioactivity: For permissible concentrations of radionuclides in air, see U. S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards, Handbook 69, "Maximum Permissible Body Burdens and Maximum Permissible Concentrations of Radionuclides in Air and in Water for Occupational Exposure", June 5, 1959. Also, see U. S. Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards, Handbook 59, "Permissible Dose from External Sources of Ionizing Radiation", September 24, 1954, and addendum of April 15, 1958,

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+Parts of vapor or gas per million parts of air by volume at 25°C and 760 mm. Hg pressure.

†Approximate milligrams of particulate per cubic meter of air.

#### MINERAL DUSTS

| Substance                                                | m.p.p.c.f.‡             |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| *SILICA                                                  |                         |
| Crystalline                                              |                         |
| Quartz, Threshold Limit calculated from the formula----- | $\frac{250}{\%SiO_2+5}$ |
| Cristobalite " "                                         |                         |
| Amorphous, including natural diatomaceous earth-----     | 20                      |
| SILICATES (less than 1% crystalline silica)              |                         |
| Asbestos-----                                            | 5                       |
| Mica-----                                                | 20                      |
| Soapstone-----                                           | 20                      |
| Talc-----                                                | 20                      |
| Portland Cement-----                                     | 50                      |
| Miscellaneous (less than 1% crystalline silica)-----     | 50                      |

Note: The percent of crystalline silica in the above formula and tables is based on the amount found from an analysis of the air-borne dust.

#### Conversion factors

mppcf x 35.3 = million particles per cubic meter  
= particles per c.c.

‡ Millions of particles per cubic foot of air, based on the standard procedure for sampling and counting dusts adopted by the Fifth Annual Meeting of ACGIH (1942).

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## TENTATIVE VALUES

| Substance                                                                                                                 | ppm+            | Approx. Mg.<br>per Cu. M.† |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| *Benzidine-----                                                                                                           | ---             | A <sup>1</sup>             |
| tert. Butyl chromate (as CrO <sub>3</sub> )-----                                                                          | ---             | 0.1                        |
| *Camphor-----                                                                                                             | ---             | 5                          |
| Chlorobromomethane-----                                                                                                   | 200             | 1,050                      |
| *Cobalt-----                                                                                                              | ---             | 0.5                        |
| DDVP (0,0-Dimethyl-2,2-dichlorovinyl phosphate)-----                                                                      | ---             | 1                          |
| Dimethyl acetamide - Skin-----                                                                                            | 10              | 35                         |
| Endrin (1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-6, 7-epoxy-1,4,4a,<br>5,6,7,8, 8a-octa hydro 1,4-endo-5,<br>8-dimethanonaphthalene)----- | ---             | 0.25                       |
| *Epichlorohydrin-----                                                                                                     | 5               | 19                         |
| Ethanolamine-----                                                                                                         | 0.5             | 1                          |
| Heptachloro (1,4,5,6,7,8,8-heptachloro-3a,4,7,7a-<br>tetrahydro-4,7-methanoindene)-----                                   | ---             | 0.25                       |
| Ketene-----                                                                                                               | 0.5             | 0.9                        |
| *B-Naphthylamine-----                                                                                                     | ---             | A <sup>2</sup>             |
| 1-Nitropropane-----                                                                                                       | 25 <sub>3</sub> | 90                         |
| *N-Nitrosodimethylamine (Dimethylnitrosamine)-----                                                                        | A <sup>3</sup>  | ---                        |
| *Oil (mineral)-----                                                                                                       | ---             | 5                          |
| *Osmium tetroxide-----                                                                                                    | ---             | 0.002                      |
| Pentaborane-----                                                                                                          | 0.005           | 0.01                       |
| *Perchloryl fluoride-----                                                                                                 | 3               | 13.5                       |
| Phosdrin (2-carbomethoxy-1-methyl vinyl dimethyl<br>phosphate)-----                                                       | ---             | 0.1                        |
| *Platinum compounds (as Pt.)-----                                                                                         | ---             | 0.002                      |
| *Sulfuryl fluoride-----                                                                                                   | 5               | 20                         |
| Systox-----                                                                                                               | ---             | 0.2                        |
| 2,4,5T (2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid)-----                                                                           | ---             | 10                         |
| Teflon (®) decomposition products-----                                                                                    | ---             | A <sup>4</sup>             |
| 1,3,3-Trichloropropane-----                                                                                               | 50              | 300                        |

+ Parts of vapor or gas per million parts of air by volume at 25°C and 760 mm. Hg. pressure.

† Approximate milligrams per cubic meter of air.

\*1962 addition. A numbers, see Appendix

## APPENDIX

A<sup>1</sup> Benzidine. Because of high incidence of bladder tumors in man, any exposure, including skin, is extremely hazardous.

A<sup>2</sup> B-Naphthylamine. Because of the extremely high incidence of bladder tumors in workers handling this compound, and the inability to control exposures, B-naphthylamine has been prohibited from manufacture, use and other activities that involve human contact by the State of Pennsylvania.

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A<sup>3</sup> N-Nitrosodimethylamine. Because of extremely high toxicity and presumed carcinogenic potential of this compound, contact by all routes should not be permitted.

A<sup>4</sup> Teflon<sup>®</sup> decomposition products. At least one identified component of Teflon<sup>®</sup> decomposition products is extremely toxic, but, in the absence of more complete toxicity information and suitable analytical methods, a definite threshold limit value is not recommended at this time.

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REVISIONS

(Excluding substances or operations with carcinogenic potential)  
(for which, see Appendix A)

| <u>SUBSTANCE</u>                 | <u>FROM 1974 TLV</u>  | <u>TO PROPOSED 1975 LIST</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Cobalt, metal fume & dust        | 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> | 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>       |
| 2-Hexanone (Methyl butyl ketone) | 100 ppm               | 25 ppm                       |
| Methylene chloride               | 100 ppm               | 200 ppm                      |
| Nickel carbonyl                  | 0.001 ppm Ala         | 0.1 ppm                      |
| Phthalic anhydride               | 2 ppm                 | 1 ppm                        |
| Silica, amorphous                | (see Mineral Dusts)   |                              |

NEW ADDITIONS

(Excluding Substances or Operations with Carcinogenic Potential)  
(see Appendix A)

| <u>SUBSTANCE</u>                                              | <u>PROPOSED LIMIT</u>        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Antimony trioxide, handling & use                             | 0.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Sb  |
| Arsenic trioxide, handling & use                              | 0.25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as As |
| Borates-tetra, sodium salts                                   |                              |
| Anhydrous                                                     | 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>          |
| Pentahydrate                                                  | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>          |
| Decahydrate                                                   | 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>          |
| Captafol (Difolatan <sup>®</sup> ) - Skin                     | 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>        |
| Cyanamide                                                     | 2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>          |
| Dioxathion (Delnav <sup>®</sup> ) - Skin                      | 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>        |
| Dicrotophos (Bidrin <sup>®</sup> ) - Skin                     | 0.25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>       |
| Endosulfan (Thiodan <sup>®</sup> )                            | 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>        |
| Ethion (Nialate <sup>®</sup> ) - Skin                         | 0.4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>        |
| Isophorone diisocyanate - Skin                                | 0.01 ppm <sub>3</sub>        |
| Methomyl (Lannate <sup>®</sup> , Nudrin <sup>®</sup> ) - Skin | 2.5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>        |
| Monocrotophos (Azodrin <sup>®</sup> )                         | 0.25 mg/m <sup>3</sup>       |
| m-Phthalodinitrile                                            | 5.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>        |
| 1,2-Propylene glycol dinitrate - Skin                         | C 0.05 ppm                   |
| Rubber Solvent                                                | 400 ppm                      |
| 1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene                                        | C 5 ppm                      |
| VM&P Naphtha                                                  | 200 ppm                      |
| Vinyl cyclohexene dioxide                                     | 10 ppm                       |

MINERAL DUSTS

| <u>SUBSTANCE</u>                                  | <u>FROM 1974 TLV</u> | <u>TO PROPOSED 1975 LIST</u>                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Silica, amorphous, (including Diatomaceous earth) | 20 mppcf             | 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Total dust (all sampled sizes)<br>1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Respirable dust (< 5 μm) |

## NOTICE OF INTENDED CHANGES

### APPENDIX A

#### CARCINOGENS

The Committee lists below those substances in occupational use that have proven carcinogenic in man, or have induced cancer in animals under appropriate experimental conditions. Present listing of those substances carcinogenic for man takes three forms, those for which a TLV has been assigned (1a), those for which environmental conditions have not been sufficiently defined to assign a TLV (1b), and 1c, those whose reassignment of a TLV is awaiting more definitive data, and hence should be treated as a 1b carcinogen.

- 1a. Human Carcinogens. Substances, or substances associated with occupational processes, recognized to have carcinogenic or cocarcinogenic potential, with an assigned TLV.

#### TLV

|                                       |                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Arsenic trioxide production           | As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as As<br>SO <sub>2</sub> , C 5.0 ppm<br>Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Sb |
| Asbestos, all forms*                  | 5 fibers/cc, < 5μ in length                                                                                                                                   |
| Cadmium oxide production              | 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as Cd                                                                                                                                  |
| bis (chloromethyl) ether              | 1.0 ppb                                                                                                                                                       |
| Chromite ore processing               | 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as CrO <sub>3</sub>                                                                                                                     |
| Particulate Polycyclic Organic Matter | 0.2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> , as benzene solubles                                                                                                                   |

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\*Cigarette smoking may substantially enhance the incidence of bronchogenic carcinoma from this and others of these substances or processes.

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- 1b. Human Carcinogens. Substances, or substances associated with industrial processes, recognized to have carcinogenic potential without an assigned TLV:

4-Aminodiphenyl (p-Xenylamine)  
Benzidine production-Skin  
beta-Naphthylamine  
4-Nitrodiphenyl

- 1c. Human carcinogens. Substances with recognized carcinogenic potential awaiting reassignment of TLV pending further data acquisition:

Vinyl chloride

For the substances in lb, no exposure or contact by any route, respiratory, skin or oral, as detected by the most sensitive methods, shall be permitted.

"No exposure or contact" means hermitizing the process or operation by the best practicable engineering methods. The worker should be properly equipped to insure virtually no contact with the carcinogen.

A2. Occupational Substances Suspect of Oncogenic Potential for Workers.

Chemical substances, or substances associated with occupational processes, which are suspected of inducing malignant neoplasms, based on either a) limited epidemiologic evidence, exclusive of clinical reports of single cases, or b) demonstration of malignant growths in one or more animal species by appropriate methods.

Present evidence indicates that the assigned TLVs are below the threshold of response for inducing cancer in workers under ordinary conditions of employment.

For those substances without an assigned TLV, exposure by all routes should be carefully controlled to levels consistent with the animal and human experience data (see Documentation).

| <u>Substance<br/>or<br/>Operation</u>                               | <u>TLV</u>                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Antimony trioxide production* <sup>a)</sup>                         | 0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup>                    |
| Benzene <sup>a)</sup>                                               | 10 ppm                                    |
| Benzo(a)pyrene <sup>b)</sup> -Skin                                  |                                           |
| Beryllium <sup>a)b)</sup>                                           | 2.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>                     |
| 3,3' Dichlorobenzidine <sup>b)</sup> -Skin                          |                                           |
| Dimethyl sulfate <sup>b)</sup>                                      | C 1.0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>                   |
| Hydrazine <sup>b)</sup> -Skin                                       | 0.1 ppm                                   |
| 4,4'-Methylene bis(2-chloroaniline) <sup>b</sup> --Skin             | 0.02 ppm                                  |
| Nickel production (Ni <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>a)b)</sup> |                                           |
| Nitrosamines (Dimethyl nitrosamine) <sup>b)</sup>                   |                                           |
| Propane sultone <sup>b)</sup>                                       |                                           |
| beta-Propiolactone <sup>b)</sup>                                    |                                           |
| Zinc Chromate <sup>a)</sup>                                         | 0.1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> as CrO <sub>3</sub> |

Letters in parentheses refer to kinds of informational bases qualifying the substance or operation to be included in A2. (See Documentation)

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OCCUPATIONAL SUBSTANCES UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY  
TLV SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ONCOGENIC POTENTIAL FOR WORKERS

The substances listed below, although not presently qualifying for an A-2 listing, are being kept under continuing review by the TLV Subcommittee:

Chloroform  
Chloroprene  
Dieldrin-Aldrin  
1,1-Dimethyl hydrazine  
Dioxane  
Epichlorohydrin  
Ethylenimine

Lead chromate  
Methyl methacrylate  
Monomethyl hydrazine  
o-Toluidine  
Trichloroethylene  
Vinylcyclohexene dioxide

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These physical agents, with their corresponding values, comprise those for which either a limit has been proposed for the first time, or for which a change in the "adopted" listing has been proposed. In both cases, the proposed limits should be considered trial limits that will remain in the listing for a period of at least one year. If, after one year, no evidence comes to light that questions the appropriateness of the values herein, the values will be reconsidered for the "adopted" list.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH  
THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUES

LIGHT

These Threshold Limit Values refer to visible radiation in the wavelength range of 400 nm to 700 nm and represent conditions under which it is believed that nearly all workers may be exposed without adverse effect.

These values should be used as guides in the control of exposure to light and should not be regarded as a fine line between safe and dangerous levels.

Recommended Values:

The Threshold Limit Value for occupational exposure to light where luminances are known and exposure durations exceeding 10 seconds in any eight hour workday is as follows:

1. The average luminance of objects continuously viewed shall not exceed 1 candela  $\text{cm}^{-2}$ . *2.5 fc approx equiv*

This TLV is not to be used for short exposure durations or pulsed light sources.

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These Threshold Limit Values refer to sound pressure levels and durations of exposure that represent conditions under which it is believed that nearly all workers may be repeatedly exposed without adverse effect on their ability to hear and understand normal speech. The medical profession has defined hearing impairment as an average hearing threshold level in excess of 25 decibels (ANSI-S3.6-1969) at 500, 1000, and 2,000 Hz, and the limits which are given have been established to prevent a hearing loss in excess of this level. The values should be used as guides in the control of noise exposure and, due to individual susceptibility, should not be regarded as fine lines between safe and dangerous levels.

#### IMPULSIVE OR IMPACT NOISE

It is recommended that exposure to impulsive or impact noise should not exceed those listed in Table 11. Impulsive or impact noise is considered to be those variations in noise levels that involve maxima at intervals of greater than one per second. Where the intervals are less than one second, it should be considered continuous.

TABLE 11  
THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUES  
IMPULSIVE OR IMPACT NOISE

| Sound Level<br>dB* | Number of Impulses or<br>Impacts per day |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 140                | 100                                      |
| 130                | 1000                                     |
| 120                | 10000                                    |

\*decibels peak sound pressure level

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CHANGE  
TLV for LASERS

TLV's for Lasers would be changed for ocular exposure to visible and IR-A laser radiation for durations greater than 10 s. Also to be changed would be TLV's for skin exposure to IR-A laser radiation. All other laser TLV's would remain unchanged. The sections of Tables 3, 4, and 6 that would have changes are as follows:

Table 3 Changes

Threshold Limit Values for Direct Ocular Exposures (Intrabeam Viewing)  
from a Laser Beam

| Spectral Region | Wavelengths        | Exposure Duration<br>(t) in Seconds | TLV                                                                      |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Light           | 400 nm to 700 nm   | $10^{-9}$ to $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$   | $5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                        |
|                 | 400 nm to 700 nm   | $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ to 10          | $1.8 \left( t / \sqrt[4]{t} \right) \text{ mJ} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$     |
|                 | 400 nm to 550 nm   | 10 to $10^4$                        | $10 \text{ mJ} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                                     |
|                 | 550 nm to 700 nm   | 10 to $T_1$                         | $1.8 \left( t / \sqrt[4]{t} \right) \text{ mJ} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$     |
|                 | 550 nm to 700 nm   | $T_1$ to $10^4$                     | $10 C_B \text{ mJ} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                                 |
|                 | 400 nm to 700 nm   | $10^4$ to $3 \times 10^4$           | $C_B \text{ } \mu\text{W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                          |
| IR-A            | 700 nm to 1059 nm  | $10^{-9}$ to $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$   | $5 C_A \times 10^{-7} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                    |
|                 | 700 nm to 1059 nm  | $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$ to $10^3$      | $1.8 C_A \left( t / \sqrt[4]{t} \right) \text{ mJ} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$ |
|                 | 1060 nm to 1400 nm | $10^{-9}$ to $10^{-4}$              | $5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                        |
|                 | 1060 nm to 1400 nm | $10^{-4}$ to $10^3$                 | $9 \left( t / \sqrt[4]{t} \right) \text{ mJ} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$       |
|                 | 700 nm to 1400 nm  | $10^3$ to $3 \times 10^4$           | $320 C_A \text{ } \mu\text{W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$                      |

$C_A$  - See Fig 2 of Permanent TLV listing for lasers.

$C_B = 1$  for  $\lambda = 400 \text{ nm}$  to  $550 \text{ nm}$ ;  $C_B = 10^{[0.015(\lambda - 550 \text{ nm})]}$  for  $\lambda = 550\text{-}700 \text{ nm}$ .

$T_1 = 10 \text{ s}$  for  $\lambda = 400\text{-}550 \text{ nm}$ ;  $T_1 = 10 \times 10^{[0.02(\lambda - 550)]}$  for  $\lambda = 550 \text{ nm}$  to  $700 \text{ nm}$ .

Table 4 Changes

Threshold Limit Values for Viewing a Diffuse Reflection of a Laser Beam or an Extended Source Laser

| Spectral Region | Wavelengths       | Exposure Duration (t) in Seconds | TLV                                                                                           |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Light           | 400 nm to 700 nm  | $10^{-9}$ to 10                  | $10 \sqrt[3]{t} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$                          |
|                 | 400 nm to 550 nm  | 10 to $10^4$                     | $21 \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$                                      |
|                 | 550 nm to 700 nm  | 10 to $T_1$                      | $3.83 \left( t / \sqrt[4]{t} \right) \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$     |
|                 | 550 nm to 700 nm  | $T_1$ to $10^4$                  | $2 C_B \times 10^{-3} \text{ W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$                    |
|                 | 400 nm to 700 nm  | $10^4$ to $3 \times 10^4$        | $2 C_B \times 10^{-3} \text{ W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$                    |
| IR-A            | 700 nm to 1400 nm | $10^{-9}$ to 10                  | $10 C_A \sqrt[3]{t} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$                      |
|                 | 700 nm to 1400 nm | 10 to $10^3$                     | $3.83 C_A \left( t / \sqrt[4]{t} \right) \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$ |
|                 | 700 nm to 1400 nm | $10^3$ to $3 \times 10^4$        | $0.64 C_A \text{ W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{sr}^{-1}$                                |

$C_A$ ,  $C_B$ , and  $T_1$  are the same as in footnote to Table 3

Table 6 Changes

| Spectral Region | Wavelengths       | Exposure Duration (t) in Seconds | TLV                                                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Light & IR-A    | 400 nm to 1400 nm | $10^{-9}$ to $10^{-7}$           | $2 C_A \times 10^{-2} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$ |
| "               | "                 | $10^{-7}$ to 10                  | $1.1 C_A \sqrt[4]{t} \text{ J} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$  |
| "               | "                 | 10 to $3 \times 10^4$            | $0.2 C_A \text{ W} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$              |

$C_A = 1.0$  for  $\lambda = 400-700$  nm; see Figure 2 of Permanent TLV list for greater wavelength values.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO STUDY

These agents comprise those which the Physical Agents Committee of ACGIH proposes to study during this year to determine the feasibility of establishing proposed TLV's in 1976. Comments and suggestions, accompanied by substantive evidence, are solicited.

Radiofrequency Radiation. Specifically, that of the spectrum from 10 MHz to 100 MHz.

Ultrasonic Energy. Specifically, acoustic energy at frequencies above 10 kHz.

Magnetic Fields. Both Pulsed and Continuous.

Microwave Radiation. Specifically from 100 GHz to 300 GHz.

Laser Radiation. Specifically ultraviolet radiation ~~xxxx~~ for pulsed exposures, and repetitively pulsed Light and IR-A laser exposures.