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INTRODUCTION

The *Guide to Occupational Exposure Values* is a readily accessible reference for comparison of published values from ACGIH®; the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); the U.S. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Federal Republic of Germany, Commission for the Investigation of Health Hazards of Chemical Compounds in the Work Area; the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA); and Occupational Alliance for Risk Science (OARS). Provided below are the sources of the values cited in this *Guide*, including publication dates, and the uniform resource locator (URL) if verified online (Reviewed 2019).

- ACGIH® Threshold Limit Values (TLVs®) for Chemical Substances
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