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11 American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. Threshold limit values for chemical substances in the work environment adopted by ACGIH. Cincinnati, Ohio: ACGIH Inc, 1988.

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