

**Yrkeseksponeringsgrenser  
og arbeidsmiljø**

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## Regulatorisk toksikologi

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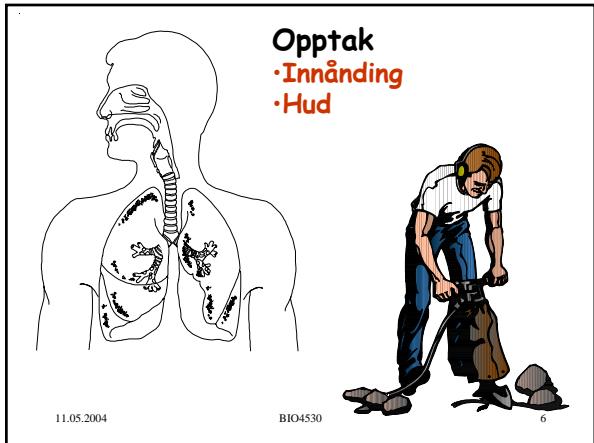
**Beskyttelse av arbeidstakere**

- Yrkeseksponering hovedsakelig innånding av luftbåren forurensning
- Hudoppptak kan bidra til eksponeringen
- Hvorledes sikre at arbeidstakerne ikke blir utsatt for farlige stoffer?
- Metoden har vært å sett en øvre grense for mengde forurensing i luften

Hvilke påvirkninger i arbeidsmiljø - hvem gjør hva?

- Sikkerhet (safety) ikke med i STAMI sin 'portefølje'
- Arbeidspsykologi metoder
- Arbeidsfysiologi
- Arbeidsmedisin
- Radioaktiv stråling, elektromagnetisk stråling og støy

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## Forurensning i arbeidsatmosfære

Hovedtema blir eksponering for industrielle kjemikalier

Begreper i forurensing av arbeidsatmosfære

- Gass
- Aerosoler
  - Støv
  - Fiberformig støv
  - Røyk (fast stoff i luft)
  - Tåke (væske i luft)

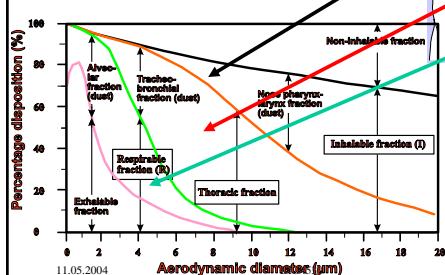
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- Nese-svelg området
- Hovedlufttrørene
- Perifere lufttrør/lungeblærer

Definition of aerosol fractions as a function of aerodynamic diameter



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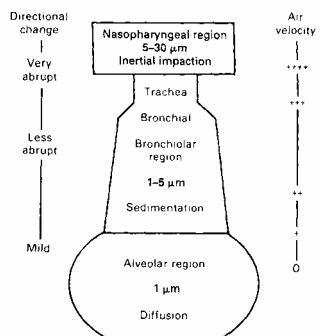


Figure 15-4. Parameters influencing particle deposition. [From Casarett, LJ: The vital sacs: Alveolar clearance mechanisms in inhalation toxicology, in Blood FR (ed); Essays in Toxicology. New York Academic Press, 1972, vol 3.]

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## Partikkel deponering

Deposition mechanisms - occurs primarily by interception, impaction, sedimentation, and diffusion (brownian movement).

interception - sperre, kommer fore nær veggene  
impact - kollidere fortsetter i samme bane  
diffusion - diffusjon



### Aerodynamisk diameter

- Fallhastigheten beregnes for den aktuelle partikkelen eller fiberen.
- Den aerodynamiske diameteren er lik diameteren til en partikkel med egenvekt = 1 som faller med samme hastighet

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## Yrkehigienisk viktige partikler

- Krystallinske partikler - kvarts, silikose
- Amofre partikler - silika
- Fibrer - asbest
- Ultrafine partikler - diameter < 100nm

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## Permissible levels - tillatte nivåer

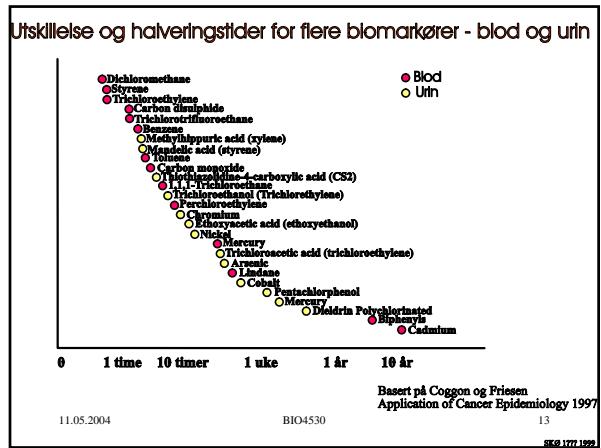
### Allowable atmosfæriske verider

- |        |   |
|--------|---|
| • MACs | - Maksimum tillatte koncentrasjoner (D) |
| • TLVs | - Terskel grenseverdier @ (ACGIH) (USA) |
| • TWA  | - Tidsvektet gjennomsnitt               |
| • OEL  | - Yrkesseksponeringsgrenser             |
| • STEL | - Korttids eksponeringsverdier          |
| • OESs | - Terkselverdi (UK)                     |
| • MELs | - Ikke sikre verdier (UK)               |
- Biologisk monitorering
- BEI (USA)
  - BAT Werte
  - Bly i blod

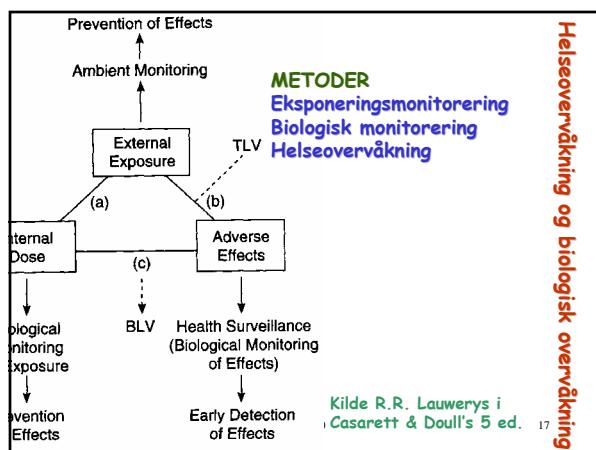
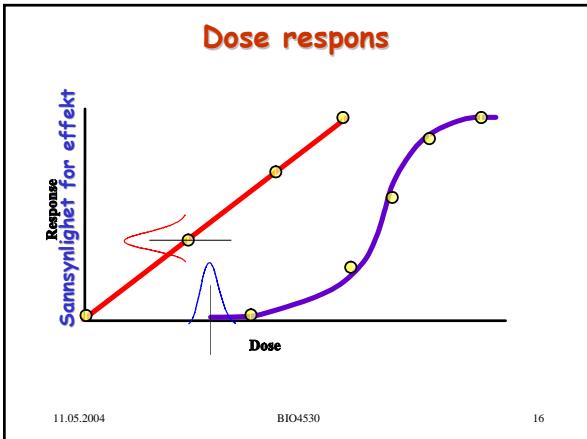
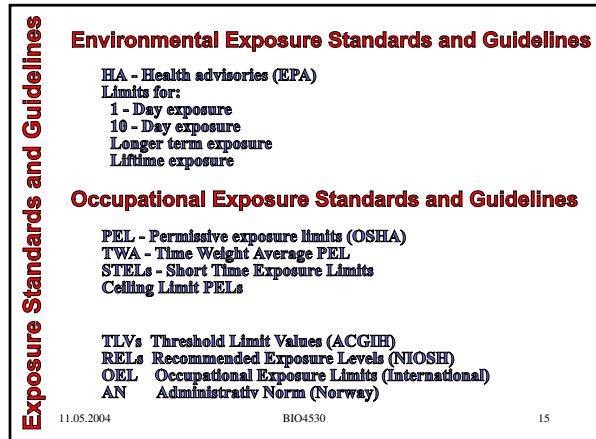
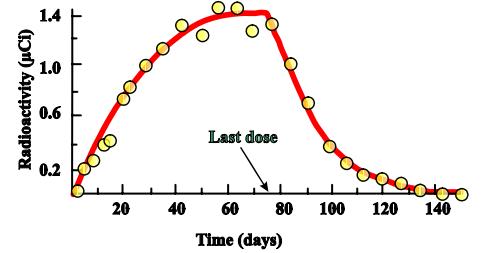
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Accumulation of hemoglobin adducts resulting from chronic administration of 4 aminobiphenyl in rats



### ACGIH examples of low variability in Europe

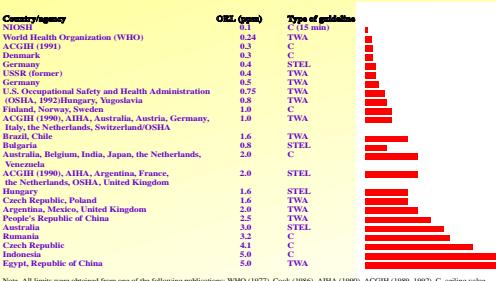
Substances for which indicative limit values exist due to Commission Directive 91/322/EEC/10	mg/m <sup>3</sup>											
	CAS <sup>a</sup>	EU	Norge	Spania	Storbritannia	Fyskland	Sverige	Danmark	Australia	Ungaria	USSR	Japan
Formic acid	64-18-6	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Acetic acid	64-19-7	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	10 STEL 5	25	25	
Acetone	67-64-1	265	150	265	250	270	250	265	265	265	265	
Acetonitrile	75-05-0	70	50	65	65	65	50	70	70	50 STEL 10	10	
Picric acid	88-89-1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	
Naphthalene	91-20-3	50	50	53	53	53	50	52	40 STEL 20	-	-	
Nitrobenzene	95-54-5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Resorcinol	109-80-3	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	
Dithyramine	109-89-7	30	30	30	30	15	30	15	30	30	30	
Pyridine	110-86-1	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	
Carbon dioxide	124-38-9	9000	9000	9100	9100	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	
Oxalic acid	144-62-7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Cyanamide	420-04-2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Carbonyl hydride	120-12-7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Diphosphorus pentoxide	1314-56-3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Diphosphorus pentasulfide	1314-80-3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Cresols (all isomers)	1319-77-3	25	25	25	25	22	22	22	4.5	22	22	
Formaldehyde	100-00-9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.0025	0.0025	0.0025	
Lithium hydride	7580-67-8	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	
Bromine	77-26-6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.66	0.66	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	
Phosphorus pentachloride	1002-45-8	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Nitrogen monoxide	1002-45-8	30	30	31	31	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Pyridine	8003-34-7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
Barium (soluble compounds as Ba)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Silver (soluble compound as Ag)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
(Inert gaseous compounds as Ne)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	

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### Worldwide occupational exposure limits (OEL) for formaldehyde in 1994



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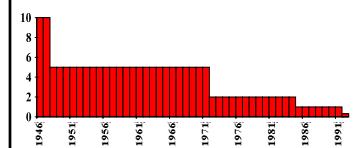
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### Changes in the ACGIH TLV for formaldehyde and the rationale (1946-1992)

Year	Concentration (ppm)	Guideline	Rationale
1946-1947	10	MAC-TWA	Prevent skin and mucous membrane irritation
1948-1962	5	TLV-TWA	Prevention of respiratory injury
1963-1971	5	TLV-Ceiling	Protective of respiratory injury
1972-1984	2	TLV-Ceiling	Protective of eye irritation; mucous membrane irritation, disturbed sleep
1985	1	TLV-TWA	Prevent eye and nose irritation
1985	2	TLV-STEL	Minimize cancer hazard
1992	0.3	Ceiling	Eliminate eye and upper respiratory tract irritation; de minimis cancer risk

Note: MAC: maximum allowable concentration; TWA: time-weighted average; STEL: short-term exposure limit (15 min; up to 4 times per day); Ceiling: maximum instantaneous concentration. <sup>a</sup>MACs became TLVs during this time period.



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### Distribution of Criteria Used to Develop ACGIH TLVs for 414 Substances Through 1968a

Criteria <sup>b</sup>	Number	Percent	Criteria	Number Percent <sup>a</sup>
Organ or organ system affected	201	49	Biochemical changes	8 2
Irritation	165	40	Fever	2 0.5
Narcosis	21	5	Visual changes (halo)	2 0.5
Odor	9	2	Visibility	2 0.5
Organ function changes	8	2	Taste	1 0.25
Allergic sensitivity	6	1.5	Roentgenographic changes	1 0.25
Cancer	6	1.5	Cosmetic effect	1 0.25

<sup>a</sup>Exclusive of inert particulates and vapors.<sup>b</sup>Number of times a criterion was used is total number of substances examined x 100, rounded to nearest 0.25 percent. Total percentages exceed 100 because more than one criterion formed the basis of the TLV of some substances.

Source: Stokinger (1970)

### Framgangsmåter for å sette OELs og administrative normer

- Basert på data fra epidemiologiske undersøkelser, forsøk med mennesker eller dyreforsøk
- Setter så en grense basert på disse dataene der ingen skader på kort eller lang sikt oppstår - er det mulig?

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### SCOEL

#### Scientific Committee Group on Occupational Exposure Limits

Gruppen har utarbeidet dokumentet:  
Methodology for the derivation of occupational exposure limits: Key documentation

Se også: TNO report V98.1304  
Methods for the establishment of Health-Based Occupational Reference Values for New and Existing Substances -Version 2-

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## Effektstudier og dose respons

### Eksempel Bly

- Toksikokinetikk; opptak, fordeling og utskillelse og eventuelle lager i kroppen
- Perifere nerveskader
- Hematologiske effekter
- Nyre toksisitet
- Hjerte kar effekter
- Reproduktive effekter
- Kreftfremkallende effekt

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Pb	Effect	Blood Lead Levels ( $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )	
		Adult	Children
<b>Nevrologisk</b>			
Encephalopathy (overt)	80 - 100	100 - 120	
Hearing deficits	20	-	
IQ deficits	10 - 15	-	
In utero effects	10 - 15	-	
Nerve conduction velocity ↓	40	40	
<b>Hematologic</b>			
Anemia	80 - 100	80 - 100	
U-ALA ↑	40	40	
B-EP ↑	15	15	
ALA-D inhibition	10	10	
<b>Renal</b>			
Nephropathy	40	40 - 60	
Vitamin D metabolism	<30?	-	
<b>Blood pressure</b>			30?
<b>Reproduction</b>			
Males		40	
Females		?	

Summary of LOEL for Lead related Health effects, Casarett & Doull's

## Kritisk effekt for bly

Encephalopathy (overt)	80 - 100	
Hearing deficits	20	(3)
IQ deficits	10 - 15	(1)
In utero effects	10 - 15	(1)
Nerve conduction velocity ↓	40	
<b>Hematologic</b>		
Anemia	80 - 100	
U-ALA ↑	40	
B-EP ↑	15	(2)
ALA-D inhibition	10	(1)
<b>Renal</b>		
Nephropathy	40	
Vitamin D metabolism	<30?	

Betyr det noe for vurderingen av usikkerhetsfaktorer om vi velger effekter på hjernen eller endringer i blod parametere?

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## Risikovurdering 1

- Rotte dårlig modell for mennesker
- Ikke humane primater god modell
- Ikke tilstrekkelig dose respons data
- Tradisjonell risikovurdering ikke mulig

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## Risikovurdering 2

- Mange undersøkelser av oralt inntak (ulykker) av metanol - død og synsskade
- Yrkesseksposering med sprit duplikator
  - (1) opp til 365 - 3080 ppm Svimmelhet, kvalme, synsforstyrrelser
  - (2) opp til 375 ppm Hodepine
  - (3) opp til 1075 ppm Svimmelhet, kvalme, synsforstyrrelser
  - (4) 20-25 ppm Ingen syns- eller CNS-skader

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## Risikovurdering 3

$$260 \text{ mg/m}^3 = 198 \text{ ppm}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 (\text{mg/m}^3) \\
 100.000 \\
 \hline
 10.000 \\
 \hline
 1.000 \\
 \hline
 100
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow{\quad \text{---LC}_{50} \text{ (rotter)} \text{ 83.894} \quad}$$

---ACGIH TLV 260 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

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## Risikovurdering 4

### Sammenheng mellom eksponering og effekt for metanoleksponering

Eksponering	Varighet	Effekt
Lakkering i dårlig ventilerte rom med metanolholdig lakk	2-3 dager	Blindhet og død
86.000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5 min	Utåelig nese- og øyeirritasjon
1.000 - 10.000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	flere år	Synsskade
1.245 - 1.441 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Flere timer pr. dag	Øyeirritasjon, tåkesyn, hodepine, kvalme og svimmelhet
20 - 490 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Flere timer pr. dag	Hodepine

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Stoffer som en antar effekten har/viser en terskel

- Ikke genotokiske karsinogener
- Organ skadende stoffer
- Irriterende stoffer

NOAEL

Terskel

Finner terskel for kritisk effekt basert på NOAEL og usikkerhetsfaktorer

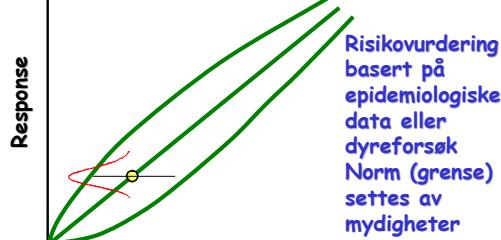
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Stoffer som en antar ikke har/viser 'terskel' toksikologi

Gentokiske karsinogener  
Mutagene stoffer  
Sensibiliseringe stoffer  
Reproduksjonstokiske stoffer



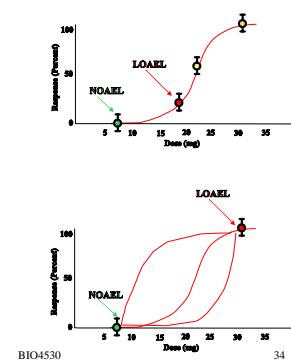
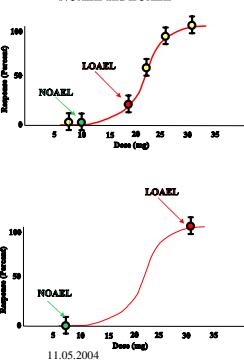
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### Betydningen av godt datagrunnlag

NOAEL and LOAEL



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'health based' OELs - an OEL of this type may be established in those cases where a review of the total available scientific data base leads to the conclusion that it is possible to identify a clear threshold dose below which exposure to the substance in question is not expected to lead to adverse effects. Such OELs should meet the objective outlined above.

'pragmatic' OELs - for some adverse effects (in particular genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and respiratory sensitisation) it may not be possible on present knowledge to define a threshold of activity. In such cases it must be assumed that any level of exposure, however small, might carry some finite risk and OELs for substances possessing these properties must be established pragmatically. Such OELs will be established at levels considered to carry a sufficiently low level of risk

### 4.3 Individual susceptibility, special risk groups and sensitisation

The SCOEL will take into account available information on groups of people at special risk and this will be reflected in the advice it gives to the Commission. However, the variability of response between individuals at the same level of exposure, and the existence of special risk groups, may mean that the recommended OEL may not provide adequate protection for every individual. SCOEL will normally not recommend a health-based OEL for a respiratory sensitisier (Chapter 2, page 1).

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## Begrensninger i beskyttelse

### ACGIH

...a small percentage of workers may experience discomfort...

### EU/SCOEL

...may not provide adequate protection for every individual...

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## General principles graduation of effects

- No effects observed
- Compensatory effects or early effects of dubious significance without adverse health consequences
- Early health impairment (clear adverse effects)
- Overt disease, possible death

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## Responses to irritants graduation

- No effects observed; no awareness of exposure
- Very slight effects; awareness of exposure
- Slight irritant effects or nuisance (e.g. smell); easily tolerable
- Significant irritation/nuisance, overt health effects; barely tolerable
- Serious health effects (e.g. Pulmonary oedema); intolerable

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## (1) General procedure for setting OELs

- Assemble all available data on hazard of the substance
- Determine whether the database adequate for the setting of an OEL
- Identify the adverse effects that may arise from exposure to the substance
- Establish which adverse effect(s) is (are) considered to be crucial in deriving the level of the OEL
- Identify the relevant studies (in humans or animals) which characterise these key effects. Carefully review the quality of these studies
- Establish whether the substance acts via a non-threshold mechanism or whether a conventional (threshold) toxicological model can be used

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## (2) General procedure for setting OELs

- Assess the dose/response data for each key effect. Establish "no observed adverse effect levels" (NO(A)Es) whenever possible, otherwise establish "lowest observed adverse effect levels" (LO(A)Es)
- Decide whether a short term exposure limit (STEL) is required in addition to an 8 hr time weighted (TWA) limit
- Establish a numerical value for an 8 hour TWA OEL
- Establish a numerical value for STEL (if required)
- Document the entire process such the rationale for the OEL is clear

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## Information relevant to the establishment of OELs

- Information on non-threshold effects
- Information on long term effects and the effects of repeated exposure by an appropriate route
- Information on short term (acute) effects (effects of a single exposure)
- Information of target organ(s) and the nature of the effects
- Information on the methodology of measurement of airborne levels

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## Human and animal data and laboratory studies

- Individual case reports, studies in human volunteers, cross-sectional studies and cohort and case-control studies
- Repeated exposure data, single exposure data, routes of exposure and toxicokinetic data
- Other information

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## Ethylene glycol - recommendation (1)

The study of Wills et al. (1974), establishing a NOAEL of 67 mg/m<sup>3</sup>, for irritation of the mucosae in human volunteers, was considered to be the best available basis for proposing occupational exposure limits. Because this study involved exposure for 20-22 h/d, and large differences in response were seen with continuous exposure compared with exposure for 8 h/d in the studies of Coon et al. (1970), uncertainty factor of 2 was considered adequate to allow for inter-individual variation and for the absence of long-term human data. Taking into account the preferred value approach, the recommended 8-hour TWA is 20 ppm (52 mg/m<sup>3</sup>). This is supported by the repeated exposure study of Coon et al. (1970).

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## Ethylene glycol - recommendation (2)

A STEL (15 mins) of 40 ppm (104 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) was proposed to limit peaks of exposure which could result in irritation. A 'skin' notation was recommended as dermal absorption could contribute substantially to the total body burden.

At the levels recommended, no measurement difficulties are foreseen.

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## Ethylbenzene - recommendation (1)

The report by Ruth (1986), of irritation in humans at 200 ppm (884 mg/m<sup>3</sup>), was considered to be the best available basis for proposing occupational exposure limits. The recommended 8-hour TWA is 100 ppm (442 mg/m<sup>3</sup>). A STEL (15 mins) of 200 ppm (884 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) was proposed to limit peaks of exposure which could result in irritation. These limits are not contradicted by the study of De Ceaurriz et al., (1981), reporting an RD50 of 1 430 ppm (6 321 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) for inhibition of respiratory irritation in mice.

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## Ethylbenzene - recommendation (2)

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At the levels recommended, no measurement difficulties are foreseen.

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## Normer - Grenseverdier

Administrativ norm - Norge  
Hygieniska gränsvärden - Sverige  
Grænseværdier - Danmark  
MAK Werte - Tyskland (Maximale Arbeitsplatzkonzentrationen)  
MEL og OES - Storbritannia (Maximum Exposure Limits og Occupational Exposure Standards)  
TLV® Threshold Limit Value (ACGIH) "USA"  
PEL Permissible Exposure Limit (OSHA) - USA  
REL Recommended Exposure Limit (NIOSH) - USA  
BLV Binding Limit Value - EU  
ILVs Indicative Limit Value - EU  
OEL Occupational Exposure Limits  
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