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MIXTURES**

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## P R E F A C E

This Bulletin, the 26th in a series of publications on research conducted in the libraries and laboratories of the Institute of Gas Technology, presents the results of one phase of the determination of the physical and thermodynamic properties of natural gas components and their mixtures, data which are required for the engineering design of plants to separate the pure components of natural gas.

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