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The publication of his research report "Light and Health" in 1990 marked the beginning of the ongoing debate on the health effects of lighting in work environments.