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SUBJECT: General updates for the release of NIST Handbook 150:2020		

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide some general updates to NVLAP assessors regarding the revision to NIST Handbook 150:2020.

All assessors have received the notice on August 10, 2020 that NVLAP released the 2020 version of NIST Handbook 150, *NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements*. The memorandum issued on August 10th outlined the changes to the handbook.

A significant number of the changes made were to incorporate into the handbook those revised processes previously implemented with regards to the lab and assessor interaction with the NVLAP Interactive Web System (NIWS).

In addition, Annex B, *Implementation of traceability policy in accredited laboratories*, has been revised to reflect the recent revision to ILAC P10:07/2020, *ILAC Policy on Metrological Traceability of Measurement Results*. ILAC P10 allows metrological traceability to be established using certified reference materials (CRMs) provided through accredited reference material producers (RMPs). These changes are in Annex B.3.1.b and B.3.3

With the revision of NIST Handbook 150, the NVLAP General Criteria Checklist (ISO/IEC 17025:2017) has also been updated. Within the checklist, sections 4 through 8, which are the accreditation requirements found in ISO/IEC 17025:2017, have not been revised. Annexes A, B, and E of the checklist have been revised to reflect the changes within the Handbook.

Beginning **September 1, 2020**, the revised NVLAP General Criteria Checklist will be required to be used for all assessments performed.

For any currently assigned assessments, please note that the laboratory is not required to resubmit an updated checklist.

Please contact your NVLAP program manager if you have any questions.