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SUBJECT: Updated Assessment Instructions for Calibration Assessors		

This bulletin announces the release of updated laboratory assessment instructions for calibration assessors and a new supplemental checklist. These instructions are necessary to verify compliance to ILAC-P14:12/2010, *ILAC Policy for Uncertainty in Calibration*.

The NVLAP Calibration Laboratories Accreditation Program has created a supplemental checklist for calibration laboratory assessments performed after April 1, 2012. The numbering of the checklist items correlates to the numbering scheme in ILAC-P14:12/2010. The notes found in the checklist are not all inclusive. The checklist is intended as an assessor aid, and it will help to communicate the requirements. The web link to ILAC-P14 is http://www.ilac.org/documents/ILAC_P14_12_2010.pdf.

Calibration assessors sample the certificates and reports issued under the scope of accreditation of the laboratories as verification of compliance of Section 5.10 of ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and NIST Handbook 150:2006. In addition to the NIST Handbook 150 general checklist, calibration assessors will now also use the supplemental checklist to specifically look for compliance with ILAC-P14. Calibration assessors will include the completed supplemental checklist in their submission of the on-site report to the assessed laboratory and to NVLAP.

Please direct any questions you may have to your Program Manager.