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		LAP: Law Enforcement and Corrections Equipment LAP
SUBJECT: Release of NIST Handbook 150-24, 2021 Edition		

NIST Handbook 150-24, which presents requirements specific to the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Law Enforcement and Corrections Equipment LAP, has been revised, along with the corresponding NIST Handbook 150-24 checklist. The handbook was revised with participation from experts in the field of law enforcement and corrections equipment testing.

The following is a summary of the revisions contained in the 2021 edition:

- The title of the handbook has been revised to match the transition of the Personal Body Armor LAP into the Law Enforcement and Corrections Equipment LAP. This title change reflects an expansion of the types of equipment testing that falls within the scope of the LAP.
- The handbook has been revised to match the formatting of the 2017 revision of ISO/IEC 17025.
- Requirements redundant to the NVLAP General Criteria Checklist have been removed.
- Specific reference to test methods within the program have been removed. Test methods within the program can be found at the following link: <https://www-s.nist.gov/niws/index.cfm?event=productlist.search#no-back>.

The 2021 edition of NIST Handbook 150-24 supersedes and replaces the 2010 edition. It is available for downloading (PDF format) from the NVLAP website <<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>> under NVLAP Program-Specific Handbooks. The corresponding NIST Handbook 150-24 Checklist has also been updated and posted on the NVLAP website under NVLAP Publications and Forms.

The requirements of the revision go into effect Jan. 1, 2022, and all assessments after that date will be performed to the requirements of the 2021 revision.

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