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SUBJECT: Release of NIST Handbook 150-8, 2018 Edition		

NIST Handbook 150-8, which presents the technical requirements and guidance for the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Acoustical Testing Services program, has been revised. The new edition was revised with the participation of technical experts in the field of acoustical testing and has been approved by NVLAP.

The following are the primary changes that have been made with this revision of Handbook 150-8:

- the numbering has been updated to reflect that used by ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*.
- requirements that closely duplicated existing requirements in either ISO/IEC 17025 or NIST Handbook 150 have been removed.
- wording changes for clarification have been made where needed.

The 2018 edition of NIST Handbook 150-8 supersedes and replaces the 2011 edition. It is available for downloading (PDF format) from the NVLAP website <<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>> under NVLAP Program-Specific Handbooks. The NIST Handbook 150-8 Checklist has also been updated and posted on the NVLAP website under Assessor Resources/Assessment Forms

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