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Effective immediately, laboratories may request to be assessed to the Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Building Materials (EPA 600/R-93/116; 1993) for inclusion on their NVLAP scopes of accreditation and report this method on test reports issued under the NVLAP accreditation. NVLAP will not accredit a laboratory for the 1993 method alone; all laboratories must maintain accreditation for the 1982 test method (EPA 600/M4-82-020).

In many cases, regulations or legal requirements dictate that testing be performed and reported in accordance with the 1982 test method. It is the laboratory's responsibility to discuss regulatory requirements with its customers and ensure that testing is conducted and reports are issued in a manner that meets those requirements.

This change will be phased in as NVLAP conducts on-site assessments in the program over the next two years. Laboratories that wish to add the EPA 600/R-93/116 test method before their next on-site assessment will be able to do so subject to a review of the previous on-site assessment report and relevant information.

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