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NIST Handbook 150-31, which presents the technical requirements and guidance for the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Healthcare Information Technology program, has been revised, along with the corresponding NIST Handbook 150-31 checklist. The handbook was revised with participation from experts in the field of voting systems testing.

The following main changes have been made to this handbook with respect to the previous edition:

- the numbering has been updated to reflect that used by ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*;
- all references to applicable international guides and standards have been updated;
- redundant requirements for specific equipment, certifications, records, etc., found in the various standards for test methods used in the program were removed.

The 2021 edition of NIST Handbook 150-31 supersedes and replaces the 2017 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 150-31 Checklist has also been updated and posted on the NVLAP website under NVLAP Publications and Forms.

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