

**15.0 Subcontracting**

15.1 The laboratory performs tests within its documented capability. The laboratory does not subcontract.

OR

15.1 The laboratory subcontracts in the special circumstances where technical, safety, or efficiency issues dictate. Subcontracting is only conducted with authorized type evaluation laboratories or State Weights and Measures officials capable of performing type evaluation testing. The laboratory maintains a list of all subcontractors used by the laboratory, along with evidence of their compliance to the laboratory's quality system (see Section 13 Records).

15.2 The laboratory is responsible for the subcontractor's work and notifies the client in writing of the arrangements for subcontracting.

15.3 The laboratory receives the subcontractor's data in writing or electronically. The data is included in the test report and is identified with a note that states that the data was received from a subcontractor. [NOTE: Edit QM section 15.3 to describe how your laboratory would identify subcontracted work. If NVLAP accredited, follow the requirements of NVLAP as found in NIST Handbook 150.]