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**MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIRECTORS AND
OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES**

FROM: 
Carol Hockert, Chief, Weights and Measures Division

SUBJECT: NIST Handbook 130 (2006) "Uniform Laws and Regulations in the areas of legal metrology and engine fuel quality" as adopted by the 90th National Conference on Weights and Measures

In July 2006 at the 91st NCWM Annual Meeting the NIST WMD and the National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) agreed that a 2007 Edition of NIST Handbook 130 would not be published. It was also agreed that model laws and uniform regulations and other sections in the 2006 Edition of Handbook 130 would be recognized as the current edition of the Handbook for use by weights and measures officials and jurisdictions (i.e., it will be the equivalent of a 2007 Edition of NIST Handbook 130) until the NCWM and NIST decide to publish a new edition.

This decision was based on the fact that the revision to the handbook adopted at the 91st Annual Meeting was solely to remove much of the text from Section 2.6.6. "Basic Engine Fuels, Petroleum Products, and Lubricants Laboratory" from the Interpretations and Guidelines of the Handbook so they can be easily updated in the future. The revised laboratory guidelines will be posted on NIST Internet site at <http://www.nist.gov/owm> for easy reference. When a new edition of NIST Handbook 130 is published the following text will appear in Section 2.6.6. of the Handbook:

2.6.6. Basic Engine Fuels, Petroleum Products, and Lubricants Laboratory
(L&R, 1994, pp 129-135) (Developed by the Petroleum Subcommittee.)

The petroleum fuels and lubricants laboratory is an integral element of an inspection program and is generally developed to satisfy the testing requirements as described in the laws and rules of the regulating agency. Guidelines have been developed to assist States in evaluating their options of employing a private lab or building or expanding their own lab. This information is available at <http://www.nist.gov/owm>.
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