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NIST Handbook 150-18, which presents the technical requirements and guidance for the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Fasteners and Metals program, has been revised along with the corresponding NIST Handbook 150-18 Checklist. The purpose of the revision is to align the NIST Handbook 150-18 with the NIST Handbook 150-18 Checklist.

While revision of the handbook should not create dramatic changes in a laboratory's management system, changes are numerous and occur throughout the document. Laboratories should review the document in its entirety to ensure its management system is brought up to date. The NIST Handbook 150-18 Checklist is now based strictly on the contents of the handbook.

The 2009 edition of NIST Handbook 150-18 supersedes and replaces the 2006 edition. **Assessors will start to assess its implementation beginning January 1, 2010.** It is available for downloading (PDF format) from the NVLAP web site at: <<http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/Accreditation/upload/NIST-HB-150-18-2009-final.pdf>>. The corresponding checklist is available for downloading (PDF and Word format) from the NVLAP web site at: <<http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/Accreditation/checklis.cfm>>. If you would like any of the documents sent to you as an e-mail attachment, please contact NVLAP. A hard copy of the revised documents will not be issued.

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