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SUBJECT: Release of NIST Handbook 150-8, 2011 Edition		

NIST Handbook 150-8, which presents the technical requirements and guidance for the accreditation of laboratories under the NVLAP Acoustical Testing Services program, has been revised. The new edition was revised with the participation of technical experts in the field of acoustical testing.

The changes to the previous edition of the handbook include the following:

- more emphasis has been given to the requirement for the use of current standard test methods;
- requirements for the assessment of standard field testing methods have been clarified;
- the requirement for a laboratory to have a proficiency testing plan has been added.

The 2011 edition of NIST Handbook 150-8 supersedes and replaces the 2005 edition. It is available for downloading (PDF format) from the NVLAP website <<http://www.nist.gov/nvlap>> under NVLAP Program-Specific Handbooks. The NIST Handbook 150-8 Checklist will also be updated and posted on the NVLAP website under Assessor Resources/On-Site Assessment Checklists.

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