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New NACLA Specifier – Smart Grid IPRM

Washington, DC - - March 16, 2012 - - The latest group to specify the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA) is the Smart Grid Interoperability Panel of the Smart Grid Testing and Certification Committee. The Smart Grid Panel released its Interoperability Process Reference Manual (IPRM), Version 2, in January 2012. Under the subject of accreditation, the manual states: “Accreditation SHALL be by an accreditation body that is (a) a signatory, in good standing, to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) mutual recognition arrangement; or (b) recognized under the (US) National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation (NACLA).”

Founded in 1998, NACLA works with industry specifiers and government/regulatory agencies in the United States to coordinate the development of sector specific technical requirements beyond those included in international guidelines used for accreditation body (AB) recognition and laboratory accreditation.

NACLA currently has the following Evaluation Procedures:

1. Evaluation Procedure for Accreditation Bodies Assessing to ISO/IEC 17025 (**17025**).
2. Evaluation Procedure for Accreditation Bodies Assessing to Technical Requirements of ANSI/NCSL Z540.3, Subclause 5.3 (**Z540.3**).
3. Evaluation Procedure for Accreditation Bodies Assessing to Technical Requirements for Construction and Materials Testing (**CMET**).

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